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Egypt, Morocco sign trade accord

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Morocco signed a \$60-million trade accord Tuesday and agreed to increase it to \$100 million by the end of next year. The agreement came at the end of a four-day visit by Moroccan Prime Minister Azzeddine Laraki, who headed the first high-level delegation to visit Cairo since the two countries resumed diplomatic relations last year. A joint communique did not specify details of the agreement but said the countries would hold further ministerial talks. The communique also denounced Israeli policies in the Middle East. The Israeli position is obstructing peace efforts, including the convening of an interna-tional Middle East peace conference, and is placing the region's security in danger." it said. Both countries reiterated their support for Iraq in its war with Iran and expressed full collaboration with Saudi Arabia, Ruwait and other Gulf states against any Iranian aggression.

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Sagir leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Deputy Chairman Mohammad Saqir left Amman Tuesday after an official visit during which he held talks with semior officials and signed a loan agreement with Jordan (see

Fahd, Arafat hold talks

JEDDAH (AP) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat turned up unexpectedly Tuesday for talks with King Fahd ahead of the Arab summit conference. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) re-ported the meeting in Jeddah without providing any details of the discussions. It only said that the meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. But diplomatic sources said the meeting was significant, coming as it does before leaders of the Arab summit in Algiers opening June 7 and designed to focus on the Palestinian issue.

Waldheim: Little chance for peace conference

KUWAIT (R) - Austrian President and former U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was quoted Tuesday as saying he saw little chance of holding an international conference to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. He told the Kuwait news agency (KUNA) in a Vienna interview that chances for such a conference were "very small, rather almost non-existent in existing circumstances." Wal-dheim said the main obstacle was "the split in the Israeli position and especially the rejection of the prime minister." Waldheim said corrent American Middle East peace proposals failed to offer the necessary conditions for a conference, which he called the best

Prisoners attack detained Israeli editors

way to end the conflict.

RAMLE, Israel (R) — Israeli women prisoners Tnesday attacked two editors of a banned newspaper in the jail where they are detained, prison officials and a lawyer for the editors said. Lawyer Abdul Asali said he witnessed the assaults on Roni Ben Efrat and Michal Schwartz, editors of the Hebrew and Arabie Derech Hanitzotz newspaper, when he went to visit them. "When Roni was brought to me she was kicked in the stomach, spat on and cursed by another inmate," he told a press conference. "Then I saw Michal coming and I counted seven prisoners who started to hit ber, jump on her, beat her. When I realised what was happening the director arrived and someone tried to extract her."

Yemens to discuss easing travel rules

SANAA (R) — The interior ministers of North and South Yemen meeting in Sanaa will discuss ways to ease travel restrictions between the two countries, the North Yemeni news agency SABA reported Tuesday The South Yemeni minister, Saleh Montasser Al Sa'ili, arrived in Sanaa Monday and handed a message to North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh from Aden's leaders on Yemeni unity, the agency said. SABA said Sa'ili would also discuss easing travel restrictions with North Yemen's interior minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Abdullah Hussein Barakat.

Sudan threatens to back Kenyan dissidents

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan has threatened to give refuge to Kenyan dissidents unless Nairobi closes an office of the rebel Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA), a weekly newspaper reported Tuesday. Al Adwa quoted Foreign Affairs Minister Hussein Abu Salih as telling the Kenyan delegation to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa that Kenya was now second to Ethiopia in providing support for the SPLA. they could lose even more local misation of the country.

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Nine bilateral agreements signed

Superpowers hope for START, discuss regional conflicts

MOSCOW (Agencies) — The superpower leaders voiced hopes Tuesday for a strategic arms treaty before U.S. President Ronald Reagan leaves office next January, and turned to regional conflicts as their summit passed the half-way mark.

The five-day summit between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev chalked up its first concrete achievements with the two sides signing two minor. arms control agreements and seven other accords on bilateral

theme of human rights for the third day running, calling in a

speech to Soviet writers for the publication in the Soviet Union of the works of banished author Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

After a morning spent inside the Kremlin discussing international tensions, the two leaders emerged into the grounds outside And Reagan pursued the and then strolled into Red

Before they started the third

spoke optimistically of the chances for a U.S.-Soviet strategic arms (START) treaty that would roughly halve their nuclear arsenals.

"I am sure that if the president makes good use of the time remaining to him, I'm sure we will be able to prepare the treaty," he told reporters.

Reagan approved the remarks. yes, I am very pleased to hear what they (his Soviet summit

hosts) are saying," he said. The Sovict leader recalled his first summit with Reagan in Geneva in 1985, when the two men had agreed to "pound our

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Lebanese rightists fear more bomb attacks ahead of election

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Beirut's tration. latest carbomb sparked fears Tuesday of a wave of such attacks, seen aimed at forcing greater Beirut was established, politicians to sort ont Lebanon's the election would not be held. political crisis ahead of a presidential election in August.

Monday's explosion as their leadrevive Lebanon's paralysed central government.

The blast, which came as the country struggled to reach a political consensus before the election, was strongly denounced by

An estimated 70 kilogrammes of TNT in a blue Volvo Sedan rule. ripped through a crowded residential and commercial street in east Beirut's Ashrafiveh district. According to Reuters 15 people were killed and 80 others were wounded. The AP said 20 people were killed.

A senior Christian leader and some newspapers hinted that Syria plotted the incident to force rightists to accept its reconcilia-

tion plans for the country. Karim Pakradouni, vice-president of the main rightist Lebanese Forces militia, told a news conference Monday: "Syria should not think it will reach a solution in Lebanon through more destruction."

Diplomats said the attack could start a wave of carbombs, a favoured political tool in

Rightists in January 1986 rejected a Syrian-sponsored peace plan that would give the Muslims and Damascus more say in the country's affairs.

Muslim leaders have boycotted President Amin Gemayel's government since then, leaving the

Syria warned Saturday that unless a central administration for The statement was made by

Information Minister Moham-Grieving buried victims of mad Salman shortly after Damascus deployed thousands of troops ers rejected a Syrian plan to in Beirut's battered southern suburbs to quell three weeks of bloody inter-militia fighting.

A central administrative authority means bringing the capital's divided east and west as well as their suburbs under the control Christian and Muslim politicians. of a legitimate central government and the army, ending militia

Syria controls west Beirut but page 5

the proposal would mean ousting from the mainly Christian east the 8,000-strong Lebanese Forces militia.

Diplomats said the motive of the bombers could have been to weaken the Lebanese Forces' claim to successfully control security in the sector.

Salman's statement sparked concern among rival rightist leaders, especially at the Lebanese Forces, whose neavily-armed men patrol the streets and which funds itself with unauthorised taxes on cinemas, restaurants and other services.

Junbiatt warns of new civil war.



country with a crippled adminis- A scene of the devastation caused by a carbomb in east Beirut Monday

Soviets see cooperation with U.S. for peace in Mideast

MOSCOW (Agencies) — A senior Soviet official said Tuesday the Kremlin saw positive elements in a new U.S. peace plan for the Middle East and that the superpowers could cooperate to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I am sure that the Middle East is an area where cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union is both necessary and possible," said Vadim Zagladin, a first deputy head of the Communist Party Central Committee's International Department.

"I think the United States is interested in stopping this con-flict. So are we," Zagladin told a news conference on the fringes of the Moscow summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is with Reagan at the summit, will travel to the Middle East Friday to promote the new U.S. plan, which was launched in

The plan envisages an international conference with Soviet and American participation to kick off direct Arab-Israeli talks on temporary self-rule for Palestinians in the occupied ter-

The U.S. proposal envisages set of interlocking negotiations aimed at achieving a final settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The plan of George Shuttz has a number of positive elements. I mean, specifically, the national forum and the respect for the rights of the Palestinian people," Zagladin said. The Middle East was one of

the top subjects up for discussion between Reagan and Gorbachev Tuesday when they turned their attention to regional conflicts. The Reagan administration

has previously said there is a considerable gulf between itself and Moscow on the Middle East, with the Kremlin advocating an international conference that could impose a definitive regional settlement and the United States preferring direct Arab-Israeli talks.

Another difference between the superpowers lies in the U.S. refusal to have direct dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Moscow recognises the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.
On another Middle East

issue, the Iran-Iraq war, the United States wants the Soviet Union to join in a United Nations Security Council arms embargo against Iran, but Moscow has so far beld back, fearing it may be seen to be tilting too far in the direction of

U.N. official accuses Israeli soldiers of random brutality

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM usually friendly to Israel accused has been killed." he was quoted (Agencies) — A U.N. official actions of using excessive force. as saving. cused Israeli troops Tuesday of random brutality in dealing with the Citizens Rights Movement the almost six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

William Lee, information officer for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), told Reuters: "There are random bearings. I believe it is pervasive, random and unprovoked, and it is used for the purposes of intimida-

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced in January a policy of "might, power and beatings" that provoked worlKnesset member Yossi Sarid of

told a parliamentary committee that a senior official responsible for the occupied territories had blamed Palestinian protest on army brutality and degradition.

Participants at the closed meeting of the foreign affairs and defence committee quoted Sarid as saying he had obtained documents showing that 5.130 people had been wounded in the up-

"This is an astonishing total when you bear in mind that we are talking about a war of stones dwide condemnation. Countries in which not one of our people

Lee said the army had beaten Palestinians on days when relatively little violence had occurred. Last weekend, he said troops beat 19 Palestinians, including a four-year-old boy and a man of

"It has become routine. This is the shocking thing about it." Lee

At the committee meeting. Sarid told Rabin: "You have not overcome the flood of cases of excessive use of force hecause the investigations come too late and are negligent. They are sometimes a joke and the trial is (Continued on page 5)

Shultz plan stands no chance of success, Rabin tells Palestinians

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said a Middle East peace initiative advanced by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz offers no chance of success in a year of American and Israeli elec-

The Shultz initiative, calling for an international peace conference to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks, tops the U.S. agenda or regional issues at this week's Moscow summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Had it been launched a year ago, it would have had a chance." Rabin told college students

"In the Arab World, and here, duce anything under the cir-people know that a peace initia- cumstances," Obeid told Israel

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Israeli tive is not something that can be achieved in a month, or three months. They know that elections are due in the U.S. and here," he

> Rabin met four prominent Palestinians Monday to discuss the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Dr. Yasser Obeid, director of West Bank hospital services, quoted Rabin as saying a visit by Shultz to Israel and other Middle Eastern countries later this week had no chance of success.

"He said we are receiving him because we are two very friendly countries, and our meeting is going to be a courtesy meeting, but we think that it cannot proRadio Tuesday.

Shultz is due to begin his fourth Middle East peace mission this year immediately after the Moscow summit.

"The minister said the Shultz initiative has missed the train and we can't expect anything" from the Moscow summit, said Obeid, He also quoted Rabin as saying until the elections in Israel and

the United States and maybe six months after... we cannot expect an active political process to Rabin said Tuesday he has launched a dialogue with Palesti-

nians, including supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO), because the Arabs

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King Hassan

King Hassan pledges effort for success of Arab summit

RABAT (Agencies) — King Hassan of Morocco has pledged to work for the success of the extraordinary Arab summit to be held in Algiers June 7 to discuss the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Confirming his attendance at the June 7 summit in Algiers, King Hassan said: "We shall endeavour with all humility, sincerity and frankness for this conference to be a success."

"The success of a summit in the

capital of any North African country is a success for all countries in the region," he added. He was speaking at a palace ceremony Monday during which he banded credentials to Abdul Latif Berbich, appointed ambassador to Algeria since the two neighbours resumed diplomatie nes May 16 after a 12-year break over the Western Sahara conflict.

At the ceremony, broadcast by state television Monday night, the king said he had chosen his personal physician as ambassador to Algeria "because of our strong desire to highlight Morocco's goodwill at all levels."

The official Libyan news agen-cy JANA said Monday the Algiers summit should discuss only the Palestinian uprising and not a call to allow Egypt to return to the Arab League. "The summit conference due

to be held in Algiers is an emergency summit convened to discuss only one matter, the uprising of the Palestinian people and how to consolidate it and

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Soviets begin second major Afghan evacuation

troops pulled out from a key town south of Kabul Tuesday in their second major evacuation since starting their withdrawal from Afghanistan May 15, Western and Soviet diplomatic sources

Soviet troops left Ghazni, 135 kilometres southwest of Kabul. and were heading north towards the Soviet border, said sources quoted by the AP and Reuters.

A Soviet convoy from Ghazni reached the outskirts of Kabul about sunrise Tuesday and passed around the edge of the capital. the Western sources said. It was not known how many troops were involved. The Soviets are also withdraw-

ing from Ghazni in the southeast, Kandahar in the deep south. and Herat in the far west, said Western diplomatic reports reaching Pakistan from Kabul Tuesday, Reuters reported.

Military sources quoted by Reuters said the gradual withdrawal of Soviet forces poses a serious threat to the morale of government troops left alone to face the Afghan Mujahedeen fighters. The reports, quoting usually

reliable Afghan sources, said de-sertions of government troops had increased. ad increased. in Kabul. Afghan and Soviet offi-Gorvernment forces are now cials declined to comment.

KABUL (Agencies) - Soviet demanding to be withdrawn from the south-eastern border town of Khost which has held out against the Mujahedeen since Soviet forces arrived to support Kabul in 1979 and now appears

threatened, they said.
Local Mujahedeen commanders ders said they would take Khost in two months. Western diplomats said it might be earlier. Fighting in Kandahar continues

to be fierce and witnesses reported planes full of bodies returning from there to Kahul, Reuters said. Some diplomats said rocket attacks on Kabul over the past

far this year. They reported unusually loud explosions in the city and said the Mujahedeen may be using a more powerful type of rocket with a

week have been the heaviest so

longer range.

When the pullout began, the Soviets had an estimated 115,000 soldiers in Afghanistan. About 10,000 have left so far, according to reports from Moscow.

Meanwhile, the Muiahedeen claimed from their headquarters in Pakistan that they had captured the strategic Panjsheer Valley northeast of Kabul last Thursday.

The claim could not be verified

Non-aligned states hope for disarmament progress

saying it could bring significant progress on disarmament. The comment was contained in

a final communique adopted at the end of a two-day conference on disarmament here of the Non-Aligned Movement, the group's first ministerial-level session on the issue.

Thirty-three foreign ministers and other top-level diplomats from 77 nations of the 101-memher movement agreed that "saving mankind from a nuclear holocaust was the highest priority of milestone," it said. the international community," Calling for "nuclear weapon-the 62-point communique free zones." the non-aligned

highlighted by the current Mos- tion of all nuclear weapons.

HAVANA (R) — Non-aligned nations welcomed Tuesday the dialogue between the United States and the Soviet Union. cow summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, "opened up possibilities of significant progress in the field of disarmament Most of the delegates left dur-ing the night for New York to

attend a U.N. General Assembly special session on disarmament opening Tuesday.

The communique said the ministers called for a new U.S.-Soviet arms treaty to be signed this year.

"An agreement on the elimination of 50 per cent of all strategic weapons in 1988 would be a

adopted during the night said. ministers said that, as a follow-

The dialogue between the Un- up, a timetable should be ited States and the Soviet Union, adopted for the gradual elimina-

Zia offers difficult choice for opposition

ISLAMABAD (R) — President support," said one Western di-Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has pre- plomat. sented his political opponents or not at all.

The main opposition parties have called emergency meetings this week to discuss Zia's surprise dissolution of the government Sunday and his offer of elections Diplomatie and political

analysts said Tuesday that if the opposition decides to stay away from the election process, as they did in 1985 when Zia lifted martial law for the first time, they could consign themselves to obli-

If they decide to join an elec-toral process, which they have repeatedly condemned as rigged, corrupt and unfair, they would be imdermining the principles for which they stand. They lost a lot of support in Mohammad Khan Junejo for

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'The terms of this bargain are with the choice of playing his way such that the opposition parties are likely to be damned if they go along with it and damned if they don't, said an unnamed Pakistani political analyst, quoted by the Star newspaper Tuesday.

While the opposition struggles to find the answer to the dilem-ma, General Zia will likely to be rooting out those disloyal to him in the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) and positioning loyel members for an election victory. the analysts said.

Zia can appoint about 100 new ministers in the capital and the four provinces for a caretaker administration. Such patronage gives him great influence, said another Pakistani analyst. Zia has said he sacked PML

leader and Prime Minister

1985 because they did not run for growing corruption, and failure

election. If they do that again, to achieve democracy and Isla-

govern the country again. This suggested Zia genuinely wanted an election and could be looking to consolidate the PML as his base in civilian politics to carry his power through into the 1990s, they said.

> elections, and independent newspapers were sceptical. The whole action was done in a manner which had all the trappings of a coup, although a con-snitutional one," said the Muslim.

This has tended to produce

Several Western and Pakistani

analysts believe another reason

was that Jenejo was taking too

much political power away from

Zia and has started to interfere in

army affairs as minister of de-

fence, a position he also held.

saw no sign that the army, com-manded by Zia, had any desire to

Western diplomats said they

Opposition leaders around the

country have condemned as

meaningless Zia promise to cut

official corruption and hold new

deep doubts about the future of democratisation in the country," it said. The Frontier Post said Zia had

had praised many times in the recent past. "And what should the people think when he next praises his government while it is still in power," it said. Zia's other pledge to enforce

sacked a government which he

Islamisation of the country was the surest way to divide the nation, the Post added.

In Karachi, the daughter of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, whom Zia deposed in 1977 and had executed on contested murder charges, rejected the president's televised Sunday speech to the nation.

"No dates for an election were announced, no election schedule. no caretaker administration. Apparently he is having some trouble forming it," said Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party.

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Harrison: Fond memories, strong support for Arab cause

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two part article on Mary Furley Harrison, who came to Jordan in her capacity as a teacher in 1948 to work at the CMS girls school in Amman. She lived and worked at the school until 1971 when she returned to her family in Edinburgh, Scotland, where, through her work with the Episcopal Church she was appointed as a deaconess. Miss Harrison recounts her memories of Jordan and its people to Suzanne Zu'mut Black.

provide Jordanian society with a large number of women pioneers in various professions. In the early fifties, Nevine Toutunji was the first of a number of CMS graudates to set up practice as a doctor. Not much later, another alumna, Hadiyyah Saleh, pioneered as a lawyer. Many followed and other fields npened

In the seventies, Taghreed Akasheh became the first commercial woman pilnt in the Middle East. Miss Harrison mentions a large number of other former students working in careers pre-

THE CMS school was soon to viously regarded as unaccessible for women. These include civil servants, diplomats, television directors and presenters, journalists, business women and school principals.

Another field previously frowned upon, nursing, eventually attracted many of her girls. Her long list, that she recounts with pride, includes prominent women in society such as Janette Mufti, who held a senior joh in the Ministry of Education and then was appointed member of the National Consultative Council. Another outstanding personality is Margaret Malatjalian who

established the Jordanian children's theatre and produced children's television programmes.

Her list also includes an army dentist, a lihrarian, a Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) president and two princesses: Princess Basma and Princess Alia whn are recognised for their contributions in society.

The change started taking

place almost immediately after Miss Harrison took over her post. The first evictinn of the Palestinians from their homeland in 1948 created a social upheaval in the community that was trying to accommodate them." She pointed out that many of these refugees had come from an open and sophisticated society, and so naturally played a role in hringing about new attitudes.

It was not until after 1955 that the school itself could take a leading role in the social changes

ism, stemming from Egypt, and throughout the Arab World, the Episcopal Church wanted to move in that direction as well. As a result, the property and administratinn of the school were handed over to the local Arah Anglican/Episcopal Church.

That step hrought in an Arab principal whom Miss Harrison particularly valued working with. The new scoolmistress, Mrs. Widad Boulos, could make new unconventional procedures more easily acceptable to the community. She started encouraging mixing and brought in both parents to the school. She organised events where the girls could meet with the students of the "hrnther" schnnl, the Bishop School, and eventually started a co-educational class for the last year nf school. "She had to be very careful and strict," Miss Harrison remarked.

Other factors contributed to bring about the new trends. For example, the CMS graduates started going on to Beirut for their university education. She remembers that they first started attending the Beirut College for Women and then the co-educational American University of

In 1962, the Jordan University fact that the school itself hecame Chinese, Austrian and American.

Miss Harrison expressed her amazement at how quickly her students picked np languages. "I think it's because they talked all the time. They had no inhibitions about talking." She added that she herself taught only the English language and literature although she had specialised in French. She explained that the school felt the girls were capable of picking np languages easily on their own and decided to concen-

sweeping the country. As a result dents' eyes to them. This hohby by Rev. Elias Chacour, a Palesti-of the growth of Arah national- took her all over the country. She nian speaker from Galilee for the thoroughly enjoyed her trips to the call for independence the countryside and remembers with fondness such spots as Al Arda, Wadi Sh'ayh, Nabi Musa and the woods of Ajloun and Dihbeen. In her collection, she also has paintings of the desert flowers that she had picked on the roads to Petra.

impact he made at the conference

in conveying his dilemma as an

Arab Christian trying to come to

terms with the Bihlical promises

The deacon feels that some-

times Western Christians, read-

ing the prophesies in the Bible of "the return to the land," have

been misled into applying them to modern Israel. "They do not real-

ise that most of these prophesies

refer to a return from Babylon to

Jerusalem, which did indeed

happen, fulfilling the prophesies in

the fourth century B.C." She

stressed that, even where some

prophesies could be thought of as

referring to a future age, they must be associated with the whole

idea of God as a kingdom of

justice, peace, and love, "which

is patently not so in nur time."

she concluded.

to the Jews.

Her favourite place for an outing was definitely Jerusalem. "I sometimes went there two or three times a week," she confessed and spoke with affectionate nostalgia of the souks of the Old City and her beloved spiritual spot; the Garden of Gathsemane. She has fond memories for the St. George's, where she used to stay, and calls it "home from home

Miss Harrison deeply shared the grief of the Jordanians and Palestinians when Jerusalem fell under the hostile Israeli occupa-tinn in 1967. "It literally hap-pened overnight," she said relating her own experience of the June war when the whole of the West Bank of Jordan was occupied. "I was visiting in Jerusalem on the Sunday afternoon (June 5) and the following day it was all taken over. It was shattering. We just heard it nn the radio on the Monday and sent the girls back bome.

She also remembers how sad she felt when, a few days later, watching from the school, she opened, "and that was on their saw King Hussein's plane leaving doorstep." She also refers to the Amman on his way to speak at the United Nations. For the first more and more cosmopolitan time he had nn escort planes to with quite a number of foreign bid him farewell since all the students attending, including Jordanian Air Force fleet had been destroyed on the ground during the first hours of the war. Back in her own country, Miss Harrison "reacts very strongly" whenever someone claims it was the Arahs who started the

> She has wasted no time in seizing every opportunity to ex-plain to her friends and andiences the facts about a country and people she came to know so well. Writing for a church magazine, Mary Harrison covered a Scottish Christian conference entitled The Problems of Palestine. She pointed ont in her article that while bitterness remains in the hearts of Palestinian Arabs, the conference revealed the longing that is there for reconciliation and

She was particularly impressed



June 1969 with two of her girls on graduation day



Mary with her mother and a Jordanian visitor in Scotland

1973, Mary back in Edinburgh in her clerical role

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* Two exhibitions at the Goethe insti-tute: one is about the development of

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* An exhibition of electronic equip-

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

⇒ Permanent book exhibition, at Tower Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle.

☆ An exhibition about flower arrangement by Na'ela Adnan Massanar at the French Cultural Centre.

☆ An art exhibition by Lebanese artist
Mahmoud Safa at Alia Art Gallery.

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The weather is expected to be fine with north-westerly moderate winds. In Agaba, the winds will be northwesterly moderate and calm seas.

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Palestine and the surrounding with her students reveals their areas with lines that show rainfall amounts. She uses this to clarify "a misunderstanding among Westerners when they see a small their children are doing." Israel on the map surrounded by vast Arah countries." She points out to them that the Mediterra-

fades out only 30 miles East of the River Jordan. Her spirits invariably rise when the subject turns to her "girls". "I just remember the nice things. Both the girls and their parents were absolutely cooperative." She was impressed by how dedi-cated many of the fathers were to realise their daughters' potentials and ambitions. She also admired the relationship between the girls and their mothers for being particularly close and affectionate with a lot of shared confidence as

nean rain waters Palestine but

During her talks, Miss Harri- opposed to more independence in son shows her audiences a map of the West. Her present contact great interest in their own families. "I find great pleasure in seeing them share and enjoy what

Her talks at home abound with light hearted anecdotes from her Jordanian life hringing to the Scot common human elements he can identify with. She sometimes illustrates the Arah sense of humour with some Joha stories. Or she reads samples of written compositions by students she had taught. One essay she cherishes is written under the title: What Annoys Me Most About My Parents. In it the student describes her fury and frustration when she goes home after school "dying to relate incidents in her life that day" only to be given the cold shoulder because her parents are engrassed in watching television.



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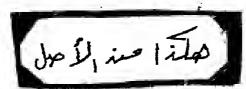
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Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled A! Haj Hassan (second from right) Tuesday confers with ALTU chairman Aysar Safi (third from right) (Petra photo)

Haj Hassan, Safi discuss ALTU activities, resolutions

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan Tuesday heard a briefing on plans for expanding the activities of the Arab Land Transport Union (ALTU) and the resolutions taken hy ALTU's board.

ALTU's Board Chairman Aysar Safi briefed the minister on Jordanian government's support

for the union's nperations.

For his part, Haj Hassan voiced the government's continued support for the union to enable it to promote its land transport services in the Arah

The ALTU board which met recently at its headquarters in the union's activities and plans. Amman decided to hold all its for 1988 and paid tribute to future meetings in the Jordanian

Ajlouni leaves for Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni Tuesday left for Baghdad to take part in the opening of a national exhibition organised to celebrate the Iraqi forces' liberation of the Fao Peninsula. The visit, expected to last several days, is at the invitation of the Iraqi minister of cul-

ture and information. Before he left for Baghdad, the minister met bere with the Indonesian Ambassador to Jordan Sumario Sorio Kosomo to discuss bilateral cooperation in the production of traditional handicrafts and the prospect of concluding an

donesian and Jordanian traditional exhibitions in the capitals of the two countries.

" Also Tuesday Ajlonni met with Austrian Ambassador to Jordan Franz Pernegger to discuss matters related to Austrian-Jordanian cooperation in the training of Jordanian personnel in touristrelated fields. They discussed the prospect of dispatching an Austrian specialist to Jordan to conduct an assessment of the Jordanian tourism potential prior to introducing facilities and improvements to promote the tourism industry in the country be-Indonesian-Jordanian agreement nefitting from Austria's experi-on cooperation in organising In-

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TEST TUBE BABIES: Covering test tube babies with bealth insurance is the subject of a study currently undertaken by Health Ministry, according to a report in the Arabic daily Sawt Al Shaah, CALL 191, 192: The Public Security Department has introduced a new service, whereby it will receive and respond to citizens complaints and emergency calls at felephones 191 and 192 at Amman police operations room. PSD sources said that the Jordan electric power company technical office and Greater Amman Municipality emergency office and the water complaints section will be linked to

INFORMATION: A four-man information delegation Tuesday left for Cairo to take part in a three-day symposium on information and development, organised by the Egyptian Information Ministry in cooperation with the Egyphan Society for Communication Develop

HANDICAPPED: The University of Jordan's friends of the handicapped students club Tuesday held a party to honour the handicapped university students and distributed memoral gifts to them. The club was established in 1983 to extend help and aid to the handicapped students at the university.

EXHIBITION: Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Fathi Ahu Taleb Tuesday inaugurated the first geographic exhibition held at the Housing Bank complex, by the Royal National Geographic Centre. On display are some machines and electronic equipment used for land survey and production of digital maps, as well as a number of publications, pampblets and maps, produced by the centre.

QAF delegation returns

AMMAN (Petra) — A delega-tion from the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) returned to Amman Tuesday after taking part in a week-long international conference of charitable organisations held in Toronto.

Member of the delegation lhrahim Abul Atta said that the delegates discussed cooperation and coordination among social and charitable organisations in developing nations and means of benefitting from advanced nanons' experiments in promoting their operations.

Abul Atta who is QAF's planning department director said that the participants reviewed projects carried out in rural and urban regions in different parts of the world, and obstacles that they

encounter in the process of implementing them. Case studies from Southeast Asia were reviewed during the meetings, Abul Atta noted.

During the conference an exhibition was organised displaying pamphlets and posters about charitable organisations' activities in a number of countries. The delegates reviewed a number of working papers and participated in a workshop dealing with financial and technical assistance to charitable organisations and means for the development of rural societies.

According to Abul Atta, delegates from 58 countries including four Arab countries: Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan, took part in the conference.



NURSE: TRAINING: Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh discusses with a team from the American Johns Hopkins University, currently on a visit to Jordan, issues pertaining to the training of 10 Jordanian nursing instructors on primary health care (PHC) at the university's nursing instructors training institute. Five of the Jordanian instructors will join training in August while the remaining five will join training next year. The meeting was attended by the Health Ministry planning, training and research department director Mahmoud Al Shahed and director of the ministry's nursing development and PHC project Nawal Haddad.

Dajani leaves for Kuwait

AMMAN (Petra) - Secretary General of the Amman-based Arab Federation of Arab Chambers of Trade, Industry and Agriculture, Dr. Burhan Dajani left for Kuwait Tuesday to take part in the meetings due to open Wednesday of a supervisory committee on the guarantee of invest-

The committee which comprises four members representing Arab states and a fifth representing private enterprises in the Arab World, bolds meetings ev-

ery four months to discuss matters related to the federation's

The Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation, established in 1973 with a JD 34 million initial capital set up the committee which steers the work of the corporation.

Dajani will also take part in meeting preparing for a pan-Arah conference of Arab investors and businessmen due to be held in Tunis on June 5.

Independence Day celebrated

ambassador to the United Arab municipal and village councils. Emirates Sunday hosted a dinner abi Intercon-Jordan's Independence Day. The function was attended by a number of senior government officials, ministers and members of the diplomatic missions accreschool dited to the UAE as well as a Irbid. large number of Jordanians work-

ing in the Emirates.
To mark the occasion Madaba education department held a cultural and art festival, attended hy Madaha district governor, de-

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's partment heads and heads of In the Irbid Governorate, the

tinental Hotel on the occasion of beld an art exhibition, including a book corner, embroideries, handicrafts and audiovisual aids, Another art exhibition was also held in Beila secondary girls school in Bani Kanana district,

In Amman, Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez patronised the opening of Al Hikma kindergarien and the school's exhibition, also held to

Jordan expects better harvest

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Jordan is expected to harvest no less than 80,000 tonnes of wheat and 25,000 tonnes of barley during this season in view of the good amounts of rain during the past winter season, Agriculture Ministry Secretary General Salem Lawzi said Tuesday.

Lawzi said that Jordanian farmers have grown wheat on 600,000 dunums of land and barley on 400,000 dunums and these areas are expected to give good yields. The winter rains, be added, are also expected to enable the country to reap a good harvest of summer vegetables and

The Ministry of Agriculture, following on previous arrangements, has set up committees in different regions to purchase locally produced cereals from farmers at subsidised prices in a bid to encourage them to double their efforts on the land, Lawzi said. He said these committees who expect to huy up to 40,000 tonnes of wheat. 5,000 tonnes of barley and up to 4,000 tonnes of lentils will embark on their task in the first week of June.

The Ministry of Agriuchture has set up a centre at Jweideh in the Amman Governorate to buy cereals from farmers in the cen-

tral regions of the Kingdom, other centres include one in the Irbid Governorate to buy farmers' production in the north, another at Rabbeh near Karak to serve the southern region and a fourth one at Deir Alla for the benefit of farmers in the Jordan Valley region. Lawzi said that the ministry might set up other centres in the light of quantities offered by farmers for sale.

pervising the purchase operations, said that farmers bave to produce a certificate of origin for their produced cereals, the areas where they were grown and the quantity offered for sale before transactions are concluded. Apart from the price of the

Lawzi, who is chairman of the

ministry's central committee su-

cereals, he said, the government has arranged to pay also for the transportation of the cereals from the fields to the appointed centres which will turn them over to the Jordan Cooperative Organisation



Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General Salem Lawzi talks to Petra correspondent Tuesday (Petra photo)

for sale to the public. According to Lawzi, a tonne of wheat would be bought for JD 144, barley, JD 90, lennis, JD 180, and chick peas, JD 170. These he said, would be the prices for first grade cereals; and that lower prices were fixed for outputs of lower quality.

Lawzi said that this year's cereal production was almost close to the annual average production during good harvests. Last year. Jordan produced 60,000 tonnes of wheat, and the production in 1986 stood at 40,000.

According to Ministry of Supply sources. Jordan, whose population growth rate at 3.8 per cent is

among the highest is the world, consumes about 450,000 tonnes of wheat a year.

Jordan lasi year made arrange ments for purchasing 200,000 ionnes of Saudi wheat and plans were made for buying 400,000 tonnes of wheat from the United States. The country's storage capacity of 350,000 tonnes would be boosted shortly to 500,000 tonnes through the installation of new storage facilities according to the sources.

According to the Ministry of Supply, the government paid a total of JD 8.5 million to farmers in the past year for the purchase of wheat and other cereals.

China on fast mail list

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — China has been added to a list of countries which Jordan serves through a fast mail delivery service, according to an announcement by the Post Offices Department.

The announcement said that in addition of China and as of June 1, 1988, Jordan will thus serve 23 Arah and foreign countries with the fast delivery service which was introduced in July 1986.

According to the announce-ment, mail will be shipped aboard Royal Jordanian planes. When it was first introduced this service linked Jordan with

only three Arah and two foreign The arrangement was made to ensure that packages, parcels and letters sent through this fast ser-

vice, reach their destination in a maximum period of 24 hours.

W. Bank potatoes allowed

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud has given approval for the entry into the East Bank of spring potatoes grown in the Occupied West Bank from now and until the end of June 1988.

A statement released Tuesday said that a total of 1,590 tonnes of potatoes will be allowed into the East Bank from Tulkarem, 1,207 tonnes from Jenin and 1,429 tonnes from Nahlus region.

Rawabdeh: Providing a lot, collecting little

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Greater said that the municipality is will- Affairs and the Environment. Amman Municipality last year ing to arrange for the residents to spent JD 200,000 on services and pay their dues in monthly instalroad construction within the Shafa Badran district, north of Amman but was able to collect only JD 31,492 from the district's residenis in municipal fees, Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Rawabdeh said Monday.

Speaking at a two-hour meetng with representatives of the

ments over the coming three The Greater Amman Munici-

pality has not imposed additional fees on citizens within the municipality zone, but it is now collecting fees on roads and pavements and against other improvements. These fees previously went to the Shafa Badran district, Rawabdeh Ministry of Municipal and Rural area.

selling of land, but does not charge any fees when lands are being divided among menibers of the family as an inheritance. According to municipality officials, a total of 3,420 people live

Rawabdeh noted. He said that

the municipality charges fixed

amounts of fees on buying and

in the Shafa Badran district which is nearly 45 square kilometres in

New order regulates dairy products

Industry, Trade and Supply Ham- order is effective as of Wednesdi Tabba'a Tuesday issued a de- day, June 1. fence order, specifying the propused for producing dairy pro-

Under the defence order, voghurt will be produced from a mixture of 75 per cent fresh milk and 25 per cent powdered milk.

The decision is designed to protect producers of fresh milk, to increase the local production of fresh milk and to organise the use in their dairy products. The import of powdered milk. For order also asked all factories to this purpose the cabinet has decided to increase customs duties by 20 per cent on powdered milk

imported for industrial purposes. Under the new defence order which sets out the proportions of fresh milk and powdered milk used in the production of yoghurt and lahaneb, the 500 gramme plastic pack of yeghurt will be sold at 155 fils, while the 200 gramme pack will be sold at 75 fils. The defence order also fixed the price of the 500 gramme plasnic packs of lahaneh, produced according to the newly introduced proportions at 380 fils

where it was highly acclaimed.

book signing reception on

Wednesday at the Amra Hotel

and with a small exhibition of

Guiragossian's paintings which

will run until June 3. The book

comes in both hard back and

paper back costing JD 7 and JD 5

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of he sold at 200 fils. The defence

The defence order called on all ortions of fresh cow milk to be dairy factories not to use any milk packs of less than three kilogrammes and to only use the milk powder they import directly for their own industrial use.

The defence order also said that dairy factories import of milk powder would be determined in accordance with the quantities of fresh milk collected to them for submit weekly lists, stating the quantities of fresh milk received from producers and the quantities of dairy products produced.

Earlier Monday Tabba'a said

that the supply ministry does no intend to raise the prices of canned powdered milk, and that no rise in the customs duties on such foodstuff has been effected. He added that the Ministry has

large quantities of the powdered milk (Halibna) and that it was ready to supply merchants with any quantities they wanted in accordance with the prices in

Rural health programme starts

MAAN (Petra) - The Health Ministry, in cooperation with the Catholic Relief Services Tuesday started executing a public bealth awareness programme in the Maan governorate.

The programme entails recruiting a number of young women to carry out tours to spread primary health education in the rural regions and villages. Thirteen while the 250 gramme packs will for a training course that will last programmes.

six months. They will be given lectures and offered practical training on the

subjects which they will discuss with the rural families The g were recruited from Night, Mousa and Shobak, they will be providing advice and guidance to pregnant women, and old people on first aid, early diagnosis of diseases leading to handicaps. and children's immunisation

Safa's paintings tell tales

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Derived from two opposing genres, the naive and the classical, the paintings on show at the Alia Art Gallery this week would appear to be by two very different artists. Both in fact . are by the same artist, Mahmoud Safa, who has managed to keep the spontaneity and resourcefulness characteristic of an untrained painter despite many years of artistic training both in his native Lebanon and in the United States.

Of the two styles it is Safa's naive paintings that are the more interesting. Like most naive paintings they tell a story, but because they only show one scene in the story all the different characters have to be on the set at the same time, their importance to the plot being denoted by their relative

Thus we see the bride on her wedding day, huge in centre stage, looking a little lost as in the foreground her diminished father loads the pickup with the furniture for her new home. Neighbours fill the background, pecring out of doors and windows eager for gossip, their liveliness caught in awkward, angular poses reminiscent in style of Persian miniature work. Carefully and cleverly the artist emphasises his own disregard for perspective with a grid of soft powdery colours that rises up the canvas behind the protagonists.

Equally appealing are the cafe scenes. Full of vignettes of the tradinonal activities that take place in the old male dominated Lebanese coffee shops these paintings make interesting viewing. In one we see the story teller plying his trade — the importance of his profession to Lebanese cafe society indicated not only by his

greater size but hy the way the artists makes references to his artist has conferred upon him greater definition and vitality. Around him gather fez behatted men who respond energetically and enthusiastically to his tale.

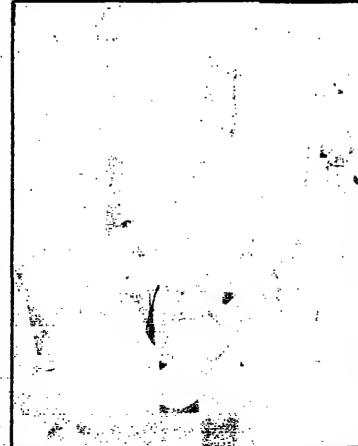
In another painting we see the boot black boy polishing a customer's shoes, we see the hubble hubble pies being lit and smoked. we see the newspapers being read and the games of backgammon being played, the papers and the boards seen with a bird's eye

Throughout these paintings the

sources of inspiration - the old Persian and Egyptian craftsmen - hy using the same motifs and symbols they employed in their work, and by doing so, the artist gives his own work a greater

richness. In comparison to the artist's naive works, Safa's hazy green impressionistic landscapes of the houses and forests of the Lebanese mountains, while nicely painted, lack originality and con-

Exhibition runs until June 2nd.



A woman I: A fantasy of words and colours

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A collaboration between a poet and an artist, both living in Amman, has brought about the publication this week of a beautifully illustrated volume of poetry. The poet is Peggie Abu Jaber and the artist is Emmanuel Guiragossian, a surprising comhination but one that works for the often striking abstract work of the latter capturing the ideas and feelings expressed in the simple, sincere poetry of the former.

Entitled "A Woman 1", the poems deal as the title suggests. with what it is like to be a woman, a wife and a mother as well as about other aspects of the life and landscape of Jordan. The poems range in feeling from the lighthearted, like "Shakespeare's Philosophy" through to moving tributes to friends lost and gone. The most enjoyable perhaps are the ones that make wry observations of the way we live, (Mourning in Amman, Farideh).

"I've always liked to write," Abu Jaber told the Jordan Times, "and I've written these poems in my free time, fitting my writing in between being a wife and a mother. I feel that all poetry is personal, and mine is particularly so. But 1 think people will read into it what they want. Women living in Jordan and mothers, especially, will understand what I'm trying to say."

Guiragossian's evocative and powerful abstracts, reduced to small squares that face each of the 36 poems, add a rare richness and colour to the book. Normally a very expressive figurative painter, Guiragossian had to tailor his art to suit the more gentle whimsical feel of the poetry.

"When I first read Mrs. Abu

Jaber's poem 'My Persian Rug' I Jaher travelled all over the world realised that one of my paintings before settling down in Amman really went with this piece," Guiragossian said. That one was easy, but the difficult part was to make a marriage between a woman's writing and my expressive painting. I have always painted the figure but because of the poetry these figures started to

transform into landscapes." Looking at the abstracts one sees the contours of the body become hills, upright they are a forest of trees, a garden of flowers. In other works, dark brooding colours capture the melancholy mood of some of the lines, while horses symbolise freedom, the beauty and the unending cycle of life, all ideas Abu Jaber has tried to capture in verse.

An American by birth, Abu

respectively. Three illustrations by Emmanuel Guiragossian adorn Peggie Abu Jaber's collection of poetry







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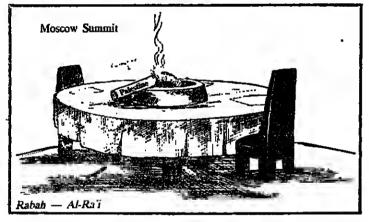
ISRAELI leaders are now well into the latest phase of their attempt to beat back the Palestinian uprising with words, having failed to deal with it on the ground. The latest shot was the interview earlier this week hy Shmuel Goren, coordinator of Israeli activities in the occupied territories, who told The Jerusalem Post that the leaders of the intifada had not achieved their objectives and that the majority of Palestinians wished to resume normal life. Mr. Goren, given an opportunity, would probably add that the man on the moon donates half his monthly salary to the Jewish Fund.

As the level of daily violence in the occupied territories winds down somewhat, it is tempting for Israeli and American leaders - both of whom are always looking for excuses to miss the Palestinian reality that stares them in the face --- to pronounce great theories about the end or the failure of the intifada. No doubt, the man on the moon listens with great interest.

The facts are otherwise. The intifada has not been a movement with specific, consecutive objectives that one can assess as having been met or missed. It is, in its essence, a broad expression of national identity and of self-assertion, an affirmation by the Palestinians that they are just that -Palestinians, not Israelis, or Jordanians, or Syrians, or Australians or any other nationality, but Palestinians who wish to live in a Palestinian state as free and self-respecting people. In a context of American-financed Israeli occupation and American-supplied Israeli iron fist tactics of political and military subjugation, the Palestinians have no other means to express themselves than by their demonstrations and street confrontations.

A significant aspect of the intifada is the network of grassroots self-help mechanisms that the Palestinians have established during the past six months to overcome the constraints associated with the intifada, including incomegeneration, education, employment and information. The Palestinians under Israeli occupation have risen to a new level of practical, self-sustaining national preservation - a logical consequence of being occupied for 20 years, and of having their national identity denied by the world since the early days of this century. The intifada has been a resounding reaffirmation of the depth of Palestinian national sentiment, and of its durability as well. For Israeli generals who live in dream worlds to miss this point is understandable. Dreams die hard.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Al Ra i: Pregnant days ahead

OBSERVERS believe that the coming ten days will carry new developments that could cause drastic changes in the Arab region. The coming days will witness U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz resuming his mission in the Arab region and the Algiers Arab summit meeting. These events will follow closely the current summit meeting between the two superpowers in Moscow. Furthermore, the coming days will witness a continuation of the Palestinian uprising and further successes of the Iraqi armed forces in the Gulf war. In the meantime Jordan is pursuing its own efforts for consolidating inter-Arab action and unifying Arab stands. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's visit to Damascus and his six-hour meeting with President Assad are part of these efforts and the on-going consultations among Arab governments to serve the national causes and preserve pan-Arab interests. The visit coincides with reports about an imminent Soviet initiative for resolving the Middle East issue and precedes Shultz's coming visit to countries of the Middle East region and the prospect of reviving the idea of an international peace conference to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. For the Arabs, this conference is a pre-requisite for a lasting peace and this question is bound to be discussed in the coming few days by Arab leaders at their Algiers summit which will also give time and effort to the current uprising of the Palestinian people. This coming summit will also dedicate its time to ending the Gulf conflict.

Al Dustour: Brotherly coordination

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai's visit to Damascus comes within the context of Syrian-Jordanian cooperation in matters related to pan-Arab interests. A message which he delivered to President Assad from King Hussein deals with the current Arab situation which calls for constant coordination and consultation. The two neighbouring states have to maintain their coordination and consultations in the light of current developments world-wide, and in the wake of the Soviet-American summit meeting in Moscow and its results. The visit to Damascus comes before the expected visit to the Middle East region by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is advocating America's proposals for an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The two neighbouring Arah states have to coordinate their positions also in the course of extending support to the Palestinian people who are involved in a heroic struggle against the Zionist rulers of Israel and the arbitrary measures of their troops in the occupied Arab territory. For this reason, Syrian-Jordanian consultations and coordination are of utmost importance so that they can confront all eventualities and deal with any developments in the days to come.

Sawt Al Shaab: Preparing for important events

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai's talks in Damascus with President Assad are part of the pan-Arab preparations for important events that are bound to take place in the Middle East. The talk: come as the Soviet Union and the United States are holding summit talks in Moscow where they are discussing regional issues like the Middle East, and ways to strengthen East West detente. The Damascus talks come just before the Arabs convene a summit meeting of their own in Algeria to discuss issues of concern 10 the Arab Nation including the Middle East and the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. The uprising has turned the tables on the Israelis and made the projected international peace conference more necessary now than over before. The question of international conference which is being discussed by the superpowers is to be tackled by the Arab leaders in Algiers and therefore, the current Syrian-Jordanian talks pave the way for such an important discussina.

Uprising forges united Palestinian spirit

The following article is reprinted study have been heading demonfrom the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post. The writer is assistant professor of psychology of Birzeit University.

By Youssef Abu-Samra

AS THE PALESTINIAN uprising enters its sixth month we can begin to assess its psycho-sociological impact on the Palestinians.

The lives of the Palestinians in the occupied territories, their perception of the occupier and the army, will never again be what they were before December, 1987. A transformation in consciousness has taken place which can be perceived at two

A step has been taken towards reducing the distinctions between the various social groups which for 20 years the Israeli occupier had assumed were well established. Each class, according to its means, has participated in the operations: "Settlers out — army

Merchants and factory owners have joined efforts with workers and peasants to paralyse the economy with strikes, at the same time securing a minimum economy to meet the needs of the population, develop local production and limit the import of Israeli products. They have organised to offer material help to people under curfew or in difficult situa-

Workers have been travelling less and less to Israel as day labourers. Medical doctors, lawyers and

professional skills in the service of the different committees of Students deprived of university

teachers have been giving their

strations to express their revolt against the occupier.

Landlords have not been collecting rent from striking shopkeepers nor from employees deprived of their income. Others have placed their property at the disposal of people's committees which started to appear in each district during the third month of the uprising.

These people's committees already existed in refugee camps and are now organised in each quarter in towns and villages. They ensure security day and night in order to outmanoeuvre the provocation of the army and settlers following the resignation of Palestinian policemen. They attempt to deal with the restrictions imposed by, for example, organising classes for students whose schools are closed - five schools in Nahlus were transformed into jails or military camps — or by collecting food supplies when the shops are forc-

ihly closed by the army. Educational, social and health activities have been organised by these committees which have the full cooperation of the residents of each quarter.

The other aspect of the Palestinian rebellion is the drastic change in the role of the individual. It is true that the young people represent the hope and the vanguard of Palestinian society as elsewhere. This was confirmed in the previous uprisings in the occupied territories since 1967. But what characterises the uprising of 1987-1988 is its psychological, as well as sociological and political impact on the different age groups of the two

Along with the young people,

women of all ages are very much involved in direct confrontation with the army: They demonstrate, physically intervene between the soldiers and the boys they arrest or beat, organise sitins and many other types of pro-

We observe that the psychological barrier, the fear of the soldier - who represents death has been overcome. Civilians finding themselves in front of soldiers who threatened to shoot them shonted: "Shoot!" - some of the soldiers, in fact, did not hesitate to shoot...

Besides the uprising's positive implications for Palestinian society and on individual personality, the repressive methods used by the army are leaving marks of psychological disturbance on those who are directly the victims, especially the children and the young prisoners. But in general, Palestinians have collectively become conscious of their capacity to "hold their head high" before the occupier. The feeling of "me and my family" is heing replaced by the feeling of we and the others."

The individual has been compelled, in the desperate situation engendered by a war of national liberation, to renounce most of his hopes and personal goals and to sacrifice everything to the imperatives of the ideal set by the community to which he belongs.

The structures imposed by the occupier have not managed to resist popular pressure, which has even rejected certain traditional bourgeois institutions now being replaced by the people's committees. In this transformation, the traditional respect for elders has largely heen overtaken by the language of popular resistance.



The programme of the 'Christian' Zionists

By Donald E. Wagner

SONGS of praise for Israel and a cast of speakers that included the prime minister, defence minister, and several Israeli military spokesmen set a political tone for the Second Christian Zionist Congress (April 10-14) rivalled only by the Likud Party Congress. Approximately 750 Christian fundamentalists gathered in west Jerusalem in the midst of the Palestinian nprising to bring uncritical comfort and support for countries, and from the United Israel's hard-line position against States and South Africa. The the Palestinians under occupation speakers and "patrons" bear out well as its rejection of current Middle East peace efforts.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir drew choruses of "amens" and prolonged ovations from the audience in his defence of the Israeli army crackdown on the uprising and rejection of both the internadeavouring to undermine the stability of the country and safety of its citizens" (deliberately ignoring the 650,000 Palestinian citizens of Israel who are largely unknown to this audience). Shamir added: oted heavily at great expense in the spokesman stated: "If you

"What is happening in Judea and Samaria and Gaza is a continuation of the Arabs' war against the Jewish people. We have not re-turned to "Eretz Israel" to be frightened by rocks and stones and firebombs. Here we are and here we will stay forever."

I was stunned by the enthusias-

tic and prolonged applause at this point. Most of the participants came from Europe, especially Holland and the Scandinavian these sources of strength and obvious economic support for the sponsors of the event, the International Christian Emhassy-Jerphenomenon with a handful of Third World participants. There tional peace conference and the are virtually no Palestinians pre-U.S. initiative. He characterised sent as the local churches dethe Palestinian uprising as a nounced the event as unrepre-"force of evil" that is "en- sentative of the Christian community in Jerusalem and the Holy Land and a deliberate politicisation of the Bible to sanctify the policies of Israel.

Europe, North America, Australia and South Africa for approximately 18 months. Organisers initially expected upwards of 7,000 participants and were clearly disappointed if not embarrassed by the relatively small turnout. With only 750 to 800 present to hear the prime minister and less than 400 attending the daytime lectures and rally, the Christian Embassy not only lost an enormous amount of money but may bave lost standing with its backers in the Israeli government.

assistance to Israel and strong theological rationale for the same hy the Christian Embassy's intersualem. Clearly, the event was a national spokesman, Jay Willem Western Christian fundamentalist van der Hoeven. In a stirring speech van der Hoeven claimed that God was withdrawing power and support from the Gentile world, including the United States. Serious Christians should be aware that a "remnant" is being called out from each nation in the world. What is the trademark of the "remnant"? Support of Israel, particularly

would save vonr nation then work to move your nation's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Another recommendation is to see that Soviet Jews come "to Israel - not America." And then the economic prediction: "The world's economy will crash hut Israel will survive. The best investment you could make is to move your money and home to Jerusalem."

The final "proclamation" of the Congress reflected the same political ideology, with the same political actions recommended. There was a panel on economic Interestingly, Jesus Christ is not mentioned in the "proclamation" and he was rarely mentioned in the addresses, aside from the Israel at the end of history. The 'proclamation' also grants "the biblical right of the Jewish people to live freely in the entire land of Israel, including Judea, Samaria and Gaza, as a Jewish state," thus precluding an end to the occupation. Arab leaders are called upon to "recognise Israel's right to exist." The "Christian" Zionists have shifted the hasis of

of the faith away from the intent of the Scriptures and historic faith to a political Gospel where the foundation and blessing of the faith are granted only to those who "comfort Israel" and work politically for its policies. Politely stated this is nothing short of a heresy that deserves categorical rejection and dissociation by all concerned Christians, Muslims

The international community should be alerted to the dangerous programme the "Christian" Zionists intend to carry forward. They have plans to become increasingly involved in Switzer-land, The Netherlands, Finland, anticipated Second Coming Norway, South Africa and the which the fundamentalists see as United States. The Jewish comthe point of shifting power to munity should be especially aware of the historic roots and theological programme of fun-damentalist "Christian" Zionism, which smacks of anti-Semitism and an apocalyptic scenario for the Jews that hints at genocide. Some spokesmen in the Christian Embassy are husy papering over this history and theology, hut with some difficulty. Clearly there is no place for Muslims in

theology, salvation and practice their programme, which is hostile. towards Islam, Christians will be judged on the basis of their advocacy of pro-Israel political and economic assistance. The remainder of the world is to be The Middle East Council of

Churches recently denounced the so-called "Christian" Embassy and its programmes, stating in part: "In the prevailing situation of the Middle East where religion plays an increasingly significant role in determining the future relationship between peoples and nations, there is no room for ill-informed and biased 'Christian" Zionist ideologies that are a dangerous distortion of the Christian faith. Christians everywhere must reject all concepts of superiority of particular people over other people within God's creation. Such tendencies do a fundamental disservice also to Jews who may be inspired to liberate themselves from discriminatory attitudes and thereby rediscover equality with the Palestinians with whom they are expected to live God's justice and peace in the Holy Land" — Mid-dle East International, London.

'Zia takes control of Pakistam in calculated risk'

By Eric Hall

ISLAMABAD — President Zia Ul Haq who just closed down his country's political system, may be taking a calculated risk to extend

But no one Monday was willing to say they knew the mind of the president, who Sunday dismissed parliament, threw out his own quoted by Pakistan analysts. government for incompetence, humiliated his chosen prime

and Pakistani analysts list many factors which could have prompted Zia to cut short an important trip to China and take hack the reins of control.

Fear that the war in Afghanishis power into the 1990s and keep tan was running out of Pakistan's Pakistan stable, political analysts control, worries that separatist movements were pulling the country apart, and dissatisfaction that has policy of creating an Islamic state was crumbling, were

The need to take some painful economic decisions to reduce the minister, and called for elections country's indehtedness, Zia's reluctance to cut the large military

Theories abound. Both foreign hudget were also given as Khan Junejo, back from a trip nd Pakistani analysts list many reasons.

Khan Junejo, back from a trip ahroad, told reporters how well

However, "none of these are new problems, and Zia was more critical of the government's hand-ling of them before," one Western diplomat said.

Such a move hy Zia had been discussed as a possibility in political circles, but the timing was quite unexpected. "One reason we don't know is

that it is perfectly clear he took absolutely no one into his confidence," the diplomat said.

No one knew

announced he was dropping him. "I was at the airport with Junejo and I could see even the army chiefs of staff were unaware, said another diplomat.

everything was going in Pakistan

only minutes hefore Zia

Zia, who came to power in a military coup in 1977, ended martial law in 1985, announced he was starting a controlled move toward democracy, and picked Juneio to see it through.

The frontier Post, the only paper to get out an editorial on Prime Minister Mohammad the situation Monday, called

Short of cash, unable to en-

force its own resolutions and li-

mited by a statutory exclusion of

interference in the internal affairs

of member states, it has had to

settle for the lowest common

denominator of agreement, di-

said truly free elections would be for the best.

A clue to Zia's behaviour could be his contention in an interview earlier this month that his promise to step down by 1990 as the powerful man in uniform, did not rule out that he could continue in power out of uniform

But under the constitution, a soldier cannot hold political office for at least two years after quitting the armed forces.

Zia is now exempt but eventually must extend the exemption by presidential decree while no government exists, or get the next

Zia's move a second coup but friendly government to do it, the analysts said.

> If so, however, he is going about it an odd way by undermining Junejo and his Pakistan Muslim League (PML) Party, the basis of Zia's democratic political power, they added.

> But they said Zia could also be gambling that the opposition is in as much disarray as the PML

Some analysts said it would be wrong to think that Zia was manoeuvreing for political power for the sake of it and that he was also genuinely concerned to keep Pakistan stable.

OAU — club for leaders or vehicle for African integration?

By Jonathan Wright Reuter

ADDIS ABABA — A quarter century after its hirth, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is still uncertain over its mission: Is it a club for African leaders or should it pursue the original ideal of a United States of Africa?

At silver jubilee celebrations in Addis Ababa last week, heads of state and OAU officials harked back to the heady days of 1963, when independent Africa's founding fathers portrayed the OAU as the vehicle for the political integration of the continent.

But by their actions they reinforced the view that it should pursue the more modest aim of positions on specific problems in of Nigeria. the continent's dealings with the outside world.

With 50 member states, rang- decisions here, only to be divided

states to Western-style pluralist societies, from impoverished desert states like Chad to rapidly industrialising economies like Mauritius, the OAU has had trouble finding anything in common except opposition to apartheid and a desire for more development assistance.

At the Addis Ahaha celehrations, president after president deplored a lack of commitment by member states even to the struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of race discrimination

"It is embarrassing as well as disheartening that ... some fellow African states are being lured into contrived friendship or subtle collaboration with the Pretoria helping to draft common African regime," said Ibrahim Babangida

Nation states

"So many times we have taken ing from Marxist single-party in other gatherings," added Ken-

neth Kaunda of Zambia, the out- organisation in any direction. going chairman of the organisa-Former President Julius Nye-

rere of Tanzania, who signed the OAU charter in 1963 but missed the 25th anniversary celebrations, said in an interview that over the years he had noticed a gradual erosion of the pan-African ideal as new African states concentrated on moulding their countries into nations.

Arrears to the organisation's budget amount to millions of dollars, some dating hack more than a decade, but OAU officials

plomats say.

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"What I see now is the strengthening of nationalism. We are engrossed in huilding nation states ... I don't know whether the new generation of African their voting rights. leaders now have Africa very much in mind," he said.

Despite the expressions of good intentions by member tried to dissuade a lawyer from states, the OAU itself has been saying which countries had failed largely powerless to move the to ratify an OAU charter on chairman, Omar Bongo of

dare not name names and the members have never reached a consensus on applying an article which would strip defaulters of

The fear of naming names is so pervasive that at a news conference on Friday OAU officials

human rights. The names of the Gabon, said that even if he precountries are freely available.

Internal turmoils A Mauritian walkout at the

closing session of the OAU summit on Saturday underlined the same problem. The Indian Ocean island was protesting at a report which accused it and two other states of collaborating with South

Internal conflicts, by far the most prevalent on the continent. are out of bounds for OAU dehate, so the organisation has looked on helpless as guerrilla wars in Uganda, northern Ethiopia or southern Sudan or as one tribe massacres another in the central African state of Burundi.

On the dispute between Chad has spent more than 10 years. trying to reconcile the rival claims to the Aouzou border strip. The

sented one of his secret solutions. there was no gurantee they would be accepted.

Year after year proposals for a joint African defence force come up at OAU meetings, only to disappear when African foreign

ministers examine them in detail. OAU Secretary General Ide Oumarou has last week recommended an early meeting of the organisation's defence commission to speed up its preparations for setting up the force but no mention of the force appeared in

the final resolutions. President Samuel Doe of Liberia, asked what he thought of OAU summits, said the social

aspect was important. African issues are not business. I think the OAU summit is and Lihya, an OAU committee not intended only to solve African problems. It is also an opportunity to get together as a family," he said in an interview with the magazine Africa Now.

"Somali rebels claim holding north town

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Somali ebels said Monday they had captured the northwestern town of Burao, killing four senior military officers and security personnel and shooting down two government warplanes.

Spokesmen for the Somali National Movement told Reuters in Addis Ababa that the town, 1.000 kilometres north of Mogaishn, and a large surrounding area was now firmly in the group's control.

The Somali Defence Ministry in Mogadishu said Sunday that "bandits" occupied Burao Friday but Somali security forces beat them off and restored order.

Rebels spokesman Major Qadi Mahmood said the operation was the work of what he called internal national movement cells and their local supporters in the Burzo region.

Under a peace accord signed April 3, Ethiopia and Somalia agreed to withdraw support for rebel groups operating in each other's territory.

Mahamood said fighting began shortly before dawn Friday and the guerrillas took control of the town, the second largest in northern Somalia, Saturday. He said the air force planes were shot down Sunday when they bombed

Government casualties were heavy, while the movement lost six dead and 17 wounded, be

He said the guerrillas also captured a string of garrisons on the roads to Hargeisa, the regional capital, and the Gulf of Aden port of Berbera.

The Somali army sent reinforcements east from Hargeisa. north from the Somali-Ethiopian border and northwest from the 54th army based at Gerowe hut the guerrillas stopped them reaching Burao, be said.

Mahamood said the Somali-Ethiopian peace agreement would not affect his movement's struggle. "This is not an attack from Ethiopia," be added.

Libya criticises Turkey ⁴ over Ottoman action

ANKARA (Agencies) — Pre-mier Turgut Ozal returned Monday from a three-day trip to Libya, wbere Libyan leader Moammar Qadhafi complained that Turkey once left Libya open to Italian colonialism.

The Lihyan news agency JANA, monitored in Rome, said np during a meeting Monday on the "ties of friendship" between the two countries.

JANA and Libyan radio. which was monitored in London, said Libya has the right to demand reparations from Turkey. for the Ottoman Turkish withdrawal that led to colonisation by

The radio, in a report broadcast while Ozal was still in Tripo-... li, accused Turkey of abandoning . Libya to 'colonial fascist bordes." It added that "Libyans look at this question in a way that does not absolve Turkey of its

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historical responsibility. Libya came under Ottoman Turkish rule in 16th ceotury and remained in Turkish hands until troops in 1912.

Turkish officials said Ozal's lion.

visit was aimed at improving ecooomic ties between the two countries that bave been marked lately by falling trade volume and a halting of Libyan oil shipments to

Turkey. During the trip, Ozal offered to increase purchases of Libyan oil in return for more business for that Qadhafi brought the subject. Turkish construction companies and a boost in imports from Tarkev

JANA also said that Ozal Monday visited Qadhafi's home that was hit during the U.S. air strike on Libya in April 1986.

The news agency said that Ozal wrote a note in the visitor's book that said, "I sainte the original and great Libyan Arab people which stood courageously in the face of the American-Atlantic aggression."

Turkish newspapers said Ozal also met with Qadhafi Sunday night, and that the Libyan leader recited a prayer for Ozal's mother, Hafiz Ozal, who died from a stroke this month.

Turkey bas a large financial stake in Libya where Turkish Italy pushed out the Ottoman' companies are working on construction projects worth \$2.6 bil-

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Israeli soldier attacks Reuter photographer

BEIT SAHUR, Occupied West Bank (R) - An Israeli soldier snatched a Reuter photographer's camera and smashed it in the occupied West Bank town of Beit Sahur Monday, witnesses said. The reservist grabbed the camera of Jim Hollander, Reuters chief photographer in Israel, and broke it on a pile of rocks after ordering him to leave the area. The soldier exposed a roll of Hollander's film and raised a club as if to strike him when an officer intervened. A military spokeswoman said the army viewed the incident as extremely serious and was iovestigation it urgently. She said the soldier had not yet been identified. Hollander said there was no protest in the area at the time and when ordered to leave he had merely asked to speak to an officer. There have been several incidents of soldiers attacking photographers and cameramen in the occupied territories since the Palestinian uprising began there last December.

Sudan says 56 rebels killed

KHARTOUM (R) — Government troops and their militia allies have killed 56 rebels and destroyed seven camps in southern Sudan, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said Monday. The agency, quoting an army spokesman, said troops and men of the Anyanya Two militia scored a major victory against the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in the Ruhkona area in the north of the Upper Nile region. It said they seized 40 Kalashnikov rifles and ammunition and captured six SPLA men. The spokesman was quoted as saying that three Anyanya Two men were killed and 28 injured.

Nigerian president starts visit to Libya

BEIRUT (R) - Nigeria's military President Ibrahim Babangida arrived in Lihya Monday for a state visit delayed by strained ties over Libya's military role in Chad. The official Libyan news agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, said Libvan leader Muammar Oadhafi welcomed Babangida at the airport in Tripoli. It quoted Babangida as saying his visit was at Qadhafi's invitation. Qadhafi has pressed for the visit since he was in Lagos in 1983 for talks with Nigeria's then-civilian President Sbehu Shagari. The war in Chad, involving thousands of Lihyan and French troops, has long been perceived in Lagos as a threat to stability in the region. But Qadhafi's surprise announcement last week that he recognised his longtime foe Hissene Habre as the legitimate president of Chad may bave paved the way for lasting settlement.

UAE to hold its first AIDS conference

ABU DHAB! (R) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE), which has reported more than 250 cases of AIDS, will hold its first conference on the killer disease later this year. The official Emirates News Agency (WAM) said a committee met Monday to discuss arrangements for the Oct. 1-3 meeting, to be attended by Arab and European doctors, Kuwait beld an international conference on AIDS early this year. UAE bealth authorities reported 262 AIDS cases last year, 22 of whom died. They said about two-thirds of the people exposed to the virus in the UAE were expatriate workers.

Waldheim postpones UAE, Kuwait visits

VIENNA (R) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has postponed scheduled visits to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwait next week because they would clash with the forthcoming Arab summit in Algiers, his office announced Tuesday. Waldheim will however go ahead with a visit to Saudi Arabia from June 4 to 6, it said, adding that the other trips would be rescheduled as soon as possible. It will be only the fourth trip abroad for Waldheim since he was elected in 1986. He visited the Vatican, Jordan and Pakistan

U.N. official accuses Israeli soldiers of random brutality

(Continued from page 1) sometimes a caricature."

In one case, Sarid said an officer and a soldier convicted of shooting dead a 15-year-old boy from the West Bank village of Azmut received respectively a reprimand and a 35-day suspended sentence:

Sarid said the trial established that soldiers deliberately delayed the boy's journey to bospital. Rabin, in his remarks, contradicted other Israeli officials who say the uprising is subsiding, saying: "Under a thin layer of calm the embers are

smouldering." He defended the army's use of rubber bullets to break up demonstrations, describing as a 'rare an inciden!" Monday in the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip where a oine-month-old girl struck by a rubber bullet lost an

In another development a soldier was indicted for manslaughter in the slaying of a Palestinian in the occupied Gaza Strip, the Israeli command said. The daily Maariv newspaper reported the soldier sbot the Palestinian from a distance of half a metre while talking to the victim.

The occupied territories were reported quiet following a general strike Monday. The army, meanwhile, said that Pvt. Yakov Tamir confessed and was indicted Monday for killing a Palestinian Jan. 10 in Gaza City. The military court verdict was expected Sunday, it

Maariv wrote that Tamir started to talk to a Palestinian after a car be was travelling in was stoned. Passeogers in the vehicle, it said, began to incite Tamir and be shot the Palestinian in the stomach.

Superpowers hope for START

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fists on the table" to get their negotiating teams on a mediumrange missile treaty to speed up their work.

"In Geneva, the negotiations were successfully completed and maybe now it is again time to pound our fists on the table once again," be said.

The proposed START treaty would reduce each superpower's stockpile of long-range weapons to 6,000 warheads fitted to landand submarine-based missiles and

heavy bombers. U.S. and Soviet officials bave reported some progress on problems such as how to count cruise missiles aboard bombers and verify mobile missiles. But they are still apart on bmits for sealaunched cruise missiles and what to do about Reagan's "Star Wars" programme for anti-missile defences.

After Tuesday's talks, Gorbachev said a further, fifth summit with Reagan might be held if things went well. "It is possible... if there is progress and if we understand each other," he told reporters.

The latest round of talks dealt with ways of settling regional conflicts, with U.S. officials saying the best ebances of progress appeared to be in Angola and Kampuchea.

The Middle East and the Gulf are also on the summit agenda, and Afghanistan appeared likely to make a comeback even though Soviet withdrawal, began 16

days ago. Later in an unprecedented speech and question-and-answer session at Moscow University, Reagan told students they were living in one of the most exciting, hopeful times in Soviet history... a time when the first breath of freedom stirs in the

Tuesday's talks were followed by Kremlin ceremonies in which U.S. Secretary of State George portation.

Sbultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze signed

The testing accord is what has come to be called a confidencebuilding measure. Last weekend. senior Reagan administration officials said it was snagged in a dispute with the Soviets, who

two agreements on testing ballis-

tic missiles and nuclear warheads.

wanted a broader agreement. The differences were worked out by senior U.S. and Soviet negotiators, under the direction of Reagan and Gorbachev, along with another agreement, providing for joint tests this summer

Asked why Reagan and Gorbachev did not sign the pacts, Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman joked, "It's too small for them. It's important, but not that im-

portant. The White House spokesman; Marlin Fitzwater, called the prenotification accord "a practical new step designed to reduce the risk of misinterpretaton, miscalculation, or accident."

A third accord extending for three years and expanding U.S.-Soviet cultural exchanges was signed by Charles Wick, the director of the U.S. Information Agency, and by Soviet Culture Minister Vasuky Zambarov.

Six other agreements were signed later at the Foreign Ministry.

One gives fishermen io the two countries access to each other's waters. Another provides for cooperation between the U.S. coast guard and the Soviets in search and rescue operations. A third extends cooperation in radio navigation techniques. A fourth agreement extend a

1973 accord for peaceful uses of atomic energy. Another sets up five working groups to explore cooperation in solar and other outer space programmes. A sixth

Hassan pledges effort for summit success

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make it last. Nothing else should be allowed to be discussed," said the agency.

The agency's comments follows remarks by Prime Minister Azzedine Laraki of Morocco during a visit to Egypt, where he said Egypt should take part in the summit. He also said Morocco will be in the forefront of those calling for the return of Egypt to the Arab League.

Maghreb summit planned

The leaders of the five Maghreb states are planning to meet in Algiers next week on the sidelines of the Arah summit, Algerian officials said Tuesday.

The Maghreb meeting, the first such gathering since the five countries - Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya became independent of European colonial rule, was made possible by last month's reconciliation hetween Algeria and

In Tunis, Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche told a medical congress "there are great hopes that all the Maghreh lead-

ers will meet on Algerian soil... to announce important new steps" towards the cohesion of the five Maghreb countries. Baccouche gave no indication the nature of these "new steps" hut there was widespread

speculation in Algiers of a possible Algerian-Moroccan agreemeet on an internationally controlled referendum in the Western Sahara. There was no indication

whether Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi would attend the Algiers meetings.

Algerian Interior Minister Al Hadi Khediri, meanwhile, said Algeria and Morocco would try to intensify economic cooperation and open their borders to trade after normalising ties.

Khediri said on arrival in Rabat on Tuesday be had brought a message from President Chadli Benjedid to King Hassan.

Rabin: Shultz plan has no chance

(Continued from page I) should now realise that "by stones and firebombs they can achieve nothing."

"I have met with those thought to be tending more to the PLO, to Jordan. I intend to continue meeting with people who reprcsent different layers and points of view," he told Israel Radio.

He spoke after Monday's meeting, the second such session in less than a week. "It is only natural that at this

stage of, 1 hope, the start of a thought that by stones and firebombs they can achieve nothing, there's a place to start a dialogue," Rabin said.

Palestinian notables presented Rabin with a list of requests to ease restrictions collective punishment measures in the occupied territories, participants said. Rabin said he told the Palesti- Obeid said.

nians that "the more we move towards quiet, the lighter would be the means used... and of course I wanted to clarify that we have no intention to take revenge when what they call the intifada is

He quoted Rabin as saying movement is "very difficult to imagine" until June 1989 and added. "I think it should start as soon as possible. Of course we don't like it. But I don't know how much we can force on Mr. Rabin to start the political solu-

Rabin also told the Palestinians that in order to take part in future peace talks, they have to recognise U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and abandun violence. Rabin ruled out any direct PLO participation,

Junblatt warns of new civil war in Lebanon

KUWAIT (R) — Lebanese socialist leader Walid Junblatt said Tuesday that a new civil war could break out in Lebanon if President Amin Gemayel tried to postpone presidential elections scheduled for September.

Junhlatt told a news conference he feared that Gemayel would conspire with the hardline, rightwing, maioly Christian Lebanese Forces militia to delay the elections and retain power through a

transitional government. "We fear that (Lebanese Forces leader) Samir Geagea in cooperation with Gemayel will obstruct the elections and cause a constitutional vacuum," Junblatt

"Gemayel may form a traositional government... to pass through the constitutional vacuum and continue in power directly or indirectly. We are warning against this because it could be the beginning of a new civil war," he added.

Tens of thousands have been killed in fighting between rival Lebanese militias since 1975. Gemayel completes his six-year term this year.

Junblatt said he had discussed with Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and other senior officials in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia the need to find a president acceptable to all parties in the Lebanese conflict.

"We want a president we can at least talk with. We don't want a president who sends us earbombs or uses the Lebanese army to destroy Beirut, the suburbs, or Junhlatt said.

Christians and Muslims in Lebanon were now less important than preserving its Arab character and links with the Arab World.

Junblatt said political reforms

to redistribute power between

the mouotains," he said.

These were threatened by collusion between the Lebanese Forces and Israel, he said. Junblati, whose Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has nomin-

ated its own presidential candidate, appeared to oppose the candidacy of army commander Geneal Michel Aoun. "There is no role for the army before reform, proper Arab harmony and institutions that pre-

Aoun is regarded as a strong potential candidate in the poll but

vent the army from intervening in

internal affairs in Lebanon," he

bas not declared his hand. Junblatt said a small PSP militia-force sent to Libva last year to help it fight against Chad might be recalled after recent peace overtures by Libyan leader Muammar Oadhafi,

Qadhafi last week agreed to recognise the government in N'djamena and discuss the two states' border conflict. "It appears that a breakthrough is near and the latest step

of Qadhafi will allow normal rela-

tions between Libya and Chad.

We hope this will be as soon as possible so we can withdraw our symbolic force to Lebanon,

Libya, which has given financial and military aid to the PSP, recruited 800 PSP fighters and 200 from the Lebanese Communist Party last September.



Walid Junblatt

Rabbis reject Israeli supreme court ruling

TEL AVIV (AP) -- Israel's two chief rabbis have accused the supreme court of meddling in religious affairs by ordering a

woman to be seated on a religious council in the town of Yeruham. affairs and ordered the male The ruling by the rabbis pitted Israeli secular law against religious law which many Orthodox Jews believe is superior to secular

Two weeks ago the supreme court gave the minister of religious affairs 30 days to seat Leah Shakdiel on the religious council

of Yeruham. Shakdiel was appointed in March 1986 by local council members of the Labour Party, but local religious leaders, backed by the chief rabbis, refused to seat her.

They claimed religious law banned women from sitting on the council which deals with local religious affairs including the appointment of local rabbis and the construction of synagogues and ritual baths.

The supreme court ruled the rabbis' actions illegal.

On Monday, Rabbi Avraham Shapira, who heads Israel's

Ashkenazi (European) Jews. ac-

cused the court of interfering with

rabbinical autonomy in religious

members of the religious council not to sit with Shakdiel. "Men who sit with women are weaklings." Shapira said on Israel Radio. "They don't care

about modesty." Israel Radio quoted Hammer as saying he would abide by the supreme court's decision and appoint Shakdiel to the religious

But Hammer said he would draft a law establishing women's committee's alongside the allmale religious councils to defuse the potential bombshell in secular religious relations.

Last week the supreme court also overruled the rabbis by ordering the Tel Aviv municipality to appoint two women to the elective body which will choose the city's next chief Ashkenazi

Israeli Labour hardliners fear 'dovish' candidates could lead to election loss

By Allyn Fisher The Associated Press

TEL AVIV -- Politicians in Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party said Sunday that they fear that a newly chosen slate of "dovish" candidates could cost ibem the general elections in November.

Their concern was triggered by a meeting of the party's central committee last Thursday in which more than half of 29 candidates chosen to run for parliament in November favour making more "concessions" to he for neace than the party has advocated in the past.

Among those on Labour's new slate is the country's first ever Israeli-Arab woman candidate, several peace activists, and a former ultra-left wing legislator, Lova Eliav, who has had contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and has advocated a full Israeli pullback from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The party's turn appears to contradict a recent shift in Israeli public opinion polls which show a majority support right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Sbamir and his allies who advocate continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

"I am definitely worried by the change. The fact is more doves than expected were elected and this will harm us very much io the elections," Agriculture Minister Arveh Nehamkin said Tuesday.

Nehamkin and other hawks said they hoped to recoup some of their losses when the candidates are ranked at the next committee session June 15.

In Israel, people vote for a party, not individual candidates. The party makes up a slate, with candidates in a ranked order. The number of votes each party gets determines how many on its ranked list are seated in parliament.

Labour and Likud are Israel's two largest parties, but neither have ever won an outright majority. This makes for governments with smaller parties, and a Labour or Likud prime minister.

In 1984 elections, the vote was so evenly split that Labour and Likud formed a coalition together, with Labour's Peres as prime minister for the first two years and Likud's Shamir for the second two.

Power-sharing deals

Of the Labour slate of 29 chosen last week, only 11 will ruo in the top 45 spots whose candidates are likely to be elected to parliament. The rest of the top spots are divided up by power-sharing agreements

among party factions. The hawks, who now seem outnumbered, hope they will end up having more influence hy getting as many seats as possible in the top 45 group. Three of the top 10 spots already have been promised to

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their group, the most prominent of whom is the Iraqi-born parliament speaker, Shlomo Hillel. Amos Carmel, a hawkish

committee member, said in a telephone interview that the group would also push to have ils locally elected members ranked high. "If we can get the right order of candidates, the picture will he different," he said. The latest public opinion

poll, published May 13 by the Yediot Ahronot daily, showed Labour and allied parties winning 59 seats. allies were predicted to win 61. Political scientists said the swing to the right reflected a hawkish public mood stirred by

uprising in which 198 Palesti-nians have been killed. Two Israelis have also died. Analysts said that the Labour infighting could further damage the party's electoral image by

the six-month-old Palestinian

presenting a confused picture to the public. "With such a fractious and contradictory slate it will be difficult to formulate an attention-grabhing campaign to compete with parties either to the left or the right," wrote columnist Dan Margalit in the

Haaretz daily. Stand on peace

The doves and hawks in the Labour Party are divided over how to implement a plank in its platform which calls for giving up some of the occupied territories in exchange for peace with Arab states.

The hawks favour a formula which would leave Israel with the Jordan Valley. They also completely reject negotiations with the PLO. Labour's newest candidates

have a more lenient approach to "territorial compromise" and some favour talking with the PLO if it clearly recognises lsrael. One of these is Lova Eliav, who returned to Lahour this

decade ago during a dispute with then-premier Golda Meir who contended the Palestinians were not a nation and did not deserve a homeland. "I think that Labour is back

where it should he, on the road of looking for peace, that peace has a price and you don't get it without compromising." said the Russian-born Eliav. 60. Eliav has had extensive con-

tacts with PLO leaders as a negotiator for the freedom of Israeli prisoners captured during and in the aftermath of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. He predicted a tough Israeli election campaign over the peace issue. "People are ex-treme, dangerously so, I think

it's time for voters to choose a

party that wants to take the

road for peace, even if it's a

very, very uphill road. We have

to start going there."



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Regular market:

Arab Aluminium

Parallel market:

Development bonds:

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One Sterling One U.S. dollar

Treasury bills & bonds:

Arab Bank

Industries

Top three companies:

Intermediate Petrochemical

Saudi fund lends Jordan JD 3.8 m

AMMAN (Petra, J.T) - The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) granted Jordan a JD 3.8 million loan to help finance the Wadi Al Yitem-Aqaba coast highway, a project expected to cost a total of JD 15 million.

An agreement on the loan was signed here Tuesday by the SFD Deputy Chairman Mohammad Sagir and Planning Minister Taher Kanaan.

into four sections, will extend to about 26 kilometres with three junctions and four hridges. It also has a six-kilometre side road reaching the container terminal in Agaba with one junction and a parking area for trucks that transport the goods from and to the

Last year, Jordan signed a JD

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet leaders

have discussed the possibility of

getting rid of state planning

altogether in efforts to accelerate

economic reform. Pravda said

The Communist Party news-

paper, in a startlingly candid re-

view of the pros and cons of the

state-run economy, said that

Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov

and his deputies had ordered

measures to trim the powers of

planning system created by Josef

Stalin remained seriously dis-

torted and Kremlin economic re-

forms had got off to a rocky start.

they had decided against doing

away entirely with state control

"Some economists propose giv-

ing production collectives (factor-

ies] full autonomy." Pravda said

in a report on a meeting of the

government's Praesidium. The

body groups Ryzhkov and a

dozen deputies, including the

"This point of view was ex-

pressed at the meeting of the

Praesidium. Speaking openly.

they were talking in essence ab-

out the liquidation of centralised

munagement and planning."

Pravda said the issue came up

over production.

state planning chief.

Pravda added

But, although the centralised

the planning bureaucracy.

Monday

4.4 million loan with Kuwait Fund for Arah Economic and Social Development to help it finance the construction of the highway. The project also entails The highway, which is divided drainage facilities and flood protection works.

According to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the project is deemed necessary to offer facilities and services to the industrial sector in Aqaba and to allow trucks to avoid passing through the city on their way in and out of

in a discussion of "state orders"

- production requirements

handed down from above two

firms now meant to pay their own

Sixty per cent of Soviet indus-

try began operating on this basis

from Jan. 1 under a new law

designed to give factories more

autonomy in tailoring their pro-

In practice, Pravda said, minis-

tries were obliging many firms to

devote their entire production

capacity to filling state orders

without providing them with the

necessary materials and, often.

forcing them to turn out un-

He ordered that new instructions

be drafted to limit the rights of

central organs to issue state

orders over the next two years.

end to centralised planning had

argued that the failure of the

Soviet economy to meet consum-

er demand made capitalism look

as a whole would amount to

"throwing out the bahy with the

The problem, it said, was the

excessive zeal of plannes who

swamped firms with orders for

more than 24 million items.

But it said rejecting the system

good in comparison.

bath water.

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Pravda said proponents of an

Ryzhkov said this had to stop.

needed goods.

duction to market demand.

way without state help.

Moscow considers ending state planning

brings the total of SFD credits worth JD 92.8 million to help the development projects including offered to Jordan to 14 loans Kingdom finance a number of roads, schools and power plants

'Italy to face economic problems'

ROME (AP) - Bank of Italy also warned of the danger of plemented together." governor Carlo A. Ciampi Tuesday warned that Italy's mammoth budget deficit posed a serious tbreat to plans to create a single market in the European Community (EC) in 1992.

He said he approved a series of measures the Italian government introduced last week to trim 7 trillion lire (\$5.6 billion) from the 1988 hudget deficit, hut indicated that far greater efforts are needed if Italy is to significantly reduce public spending.

Addressing the Bank of Italy's The new loan, the agency said, annual general meeting, Ciampi spheres must be taken and im-

It said 170 key state industries

had failed to meet output targets

for the past 20 years, setting of a

chain reaction as other firms

failed to get the materials they

cost hillions of roubles a year, it

The answer, Pravda said, was

to restrict state planning to a few

hundred major items and allow

industry to decide what else to

The problem of "state orders"

and centralised planning has

emerged as an issue of public

concern in recent weeks as firms

affected by the Jan. 1 reform

law that a state order is a direc-

rive. So when an unprofitable

assignment is now forced on a

a steelworker wrote in the out-

spoken weekly Moscow News last

He said some firms had taken

legal action against the crippling

requirements, with no success to

date, and workers at his Moscow

factory were beginning to com-

plain about unfair treatment of

the state sector compared to

AMMAN (Petral - Zarga

Municipality has a JD 3.396 mil-

lion budget for 1988, of which JD

710.000 has been allocated for

roads and streets, according to a municipality spokesman.

He said that JD 130,000 were

cooperatives.

firm, it cannot raise objections,

We ourselves wrote into the

struggle to make ends meet.

produce for itself on the basis of

consumer demand.

needed. This "planning anarchy

inflationary wage increases, in a clear reference to current negotiations between the government and state employees.

The Bank of Italy governor indicated that the Italian Central Bank was concerned about signs of a rapid growth in internal demand, which could trigger a rise in inflation.

Ciampi stressed there is a "close link between the construction of a unified Europe... and the righting of public finances, so that decisions regarding these two

His comments were published

as the Supreme Soviet (parlia-

ment) was adopting a law to give

cooperative husinesses full equal-

ity with the state sector from July

of budding cooperative entrep-

with no ceilings on the income

The prospect of Soviet citizens

earning more from selling grilled

meat on the streets than from

mining coal or manning assembly

lines has already begun generat-

ing angry comment in a country

where all workers are said to be

Pravda reported Sunday that a

woman at Moscow's Zil auto-

mobile works took the floor dur-

ing a Communist Party meeting

and demanded "the defence of

the interests of the working class"

in all stages of Kremlin economic

Analysts have predicted that the growth of the cooperative

movement could spark a backlasb

among workers at state factories

Ryzhkov's move to limit state

orders appeared to be an initial

attempt to ward off the potential

crisis which worker discontent

about reform could create for the

public uses. JD 150,000 for con-

structing a bus terminal and JD

[112,1831] for huilding retaining

Other allocations were made

for public gurdens, culverts,

upset by what they see as discri-

mination.

Zarqa budget totals JD 3.4m

allocated for purchasing land for bridges and sanitary facilities.

The central bank governor underlined that Italy generates 19 per cent of the EC's gross domestic product (GDP) bul accounts for nearly a third of the 12country community's public debt. at 29 per cent.

Italy's public sector deficit is expected to total 115 trillion lire (\$92 hillion) this year, after taking into account the recent government measures. The total Italian national debt is expected to eclipse the 1.000-trillion lire (\$780 hillion) mark hy the end of the current year.

economically

TEL AVIV (AP) — The gov-

ernor of Israel's central bank

warned Tuesday that the nation's

economy was headed toward in-

stability because of rising infla-

tion and a slowdown caused in

part by the Arab uprising in the

Michael Bruno. who heads

Israel's equivalent of the Federal

Reserve Board, told a news con-

ference that annual inflation was

running at close to 18 per cent in

1988 after being trimmed to 16

Bruno warned that this rate

was higher than in most Western

countries, adding "this cannot be

stable in the long run. If we are

not careful the rate can increase

Aside from inflation, Israel was

also threatened by a slowdown in

economic growth which hegan at

the end of 1987, Bruno told re-

porters as he presented an anaual

summary of economic activity for

He said that a six-month-long

Arab uprising was partly to blame

for a decline in Israel's mainstay

tourism and construction indus-

tries. He declined to give figures,

saying the full effects of the con-

tinuing unrest had not yet been

felt.
"There is a price to be paid in for the un-

economic activity." for the un-rest, Bruno said. "We shouldn't

exaggerate it or underestimate its

significance... this year we will

Bruno's report said that the

reduction in tourism began in

March following one of the na-

tion's best years in 1987 when

adidas

have slower growth.

occupied territories.

per cent last year.

last year.

Arab uprising Jawad noted. He said that the Jordanian hurts Israel

textiles, hlankets and dates. Exchange of goods between

bolstering bilateral relations.

Jawad, who works for the Iraqi

He said such a seminar is essential to lav down a new concept for inter-Arab industrial and commercial relations.

According to Jawad, who left for home Tuesday, a work team has been set up to prepare a working paper for the coming seminar.

The team, he added, will meet in Baghdad in July to draw up the final outlines for the working paper which will be discussed by Arah delegates.

Fahd urges **OPEC** states to adhere to quotas, prices

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) -King Fahd Monday urged members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to stick to the quotas and prices to help stabilise the

"If intentions be pure, and all member states abide by the OPEC rulings with respect to quotas, production ceiling and the defined prices, this will be in the interest of all oil producing

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Top Iraqi economist praises ties with Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - A prominent Iraqi economist described Iraqi and Jordanian trade centres in Amman and Baghdad as playing an instrumental role towards promoting bilateral trade and bolstering economic ties between

Jordan and Iraq. Economist Abdul Hussein Jawad, who has just concluded a visit to Jordan, said that an increasing number of Iraqi importers and husinessmen are now inclined to import national Jordanian products which are of excellent quality.

"Iraqi merchants are increasing their imports of Jordanian furniture, chemical products, and ready-to-wear clothes hecause of the growing demand on these products in Iraqi markets.'

markers are continuing to demand Iraqi electrical appliances,

Jordan and Iraq. Jawad said, is helping the integration of the two countries' economies, and further

Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Baghdad, discussed with officials from the Arah chambers of industry, agriculture and trade the prospect of holding a pan-Arab economic seminar in Baghdad in December.

world oil market.

and consuming states alike." Fahd was quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and hullion markets Tuesday.

5.9690/9740 6.2460/2510 Deutschemarks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns

U.S. dollar Canadian dollar

6.5580/5630 One ounce of gold 453.75/454.25 Danish crowns U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY - The Australian market withstood pressure from profit-takers to close sharply higher on solid turnover. The All Ordinaries index gained 25.8 points to close at 1,565.7..

TOKYO --- Share prices closed higher largely due to heavy huying by securities houses which focused late afternoon trade on large capital issues. The Nikkei index gained 193.60 points, or 0.71 per cent, to close at 27,416.70.

HONG KONG - Stocks were marginally higher in lacklustre trading in the absence of clear directions. The Hang Seng index gained 7.69 to 2,496.68.

SINGAPORE - Prices rose strongly in the afternoon on strong huying support in view of Tokyo's higher close and higher commodity prices. The Straits Times industrial index gained 15.86

BOMBAY - Shares gained for a second successive day with sentiment helped by early monsoon raids and hopes of good company results.

FRANKFURT - The market rose by about 1.5 per cent, boosted by the strength of the dollar and technical support from share indices. The Commerzbank index, set a mid-session, was up 18.1

ZURICH - Prices were slightly higher, underpinned by a steady dollar and the higher Tokyo close. The All Share Swiss index rose

PARIS - Prices ended off their bighs as operators took profits after a series of strong sessions. The 50-share bourse indicator was up by 0.34 per cent.

LONDON - Shares drifted lower in dull trading for lack of support. Dealers reported a general lack of interest.

NEW YORK - Stocks continued to make slow gains, partly encouraged by a sharp drop in Japan's May surplus. Some bargain hunters were also in the market. The Dow gained 15 to 1,972.

Yugoslavia lifts exchange controls

BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslavia lifted controls on foreign exchange and some imports Moneconomic crisis.

The dinar was freed and the foreign exchange market left to function daily on the basis of supply and demand, official statements said. At the same time, controls were lifted on 40 per cent of imports.

The exchange rate liberalisa-tion means Yugoslav firms will have easier access to foreign exchange and the dinar will find its value in a free market.

Restrictions were dropped on the import of 200 types of consumer goods, including elec-trical appliances, cars and clothes, a government statement said.

and promote realistic prices.

crisis. The economic programme Yugoslavia is seeking \$1.4 bil-

curhs on wages, spendiog and money supply with a freeing of

on the Yugoslav market were freed Saturday, ending a sixday as part of a new programme month-old freeze. Inflation at the designed to comhat the country's end of April stood at 152 per

Prices of 60 per cent of goods

The dinar was devalued Friday night, making a hasket of hard currencies 23 per cent higher against the Yugoslav unit. The dinar was listed at 1,919.86 to the dollar Monday after being 1,554.19 dinars to the dollar

Officials said the foreign exchange market was not husy on the first day of its revival Monday. Yugoslav hanks had \$5.3 million for sale whife demand was for \$12.8 million, officials said. The gap was covered by the national hank.

Government ministers have The government hopes freer said Yugoslavia secured the "criimports will force Yugoslav entical amount" of foreign extical amount" of foreign exterprises to be more competitive change needed to reopen the market through new credits from The foreign exchange marker the West, with reserves increased was brought under control seven by \$400 million, but have not vears ago during an economic released a figure for total reserves.

launched at the weekend mixes lion in new loans this year to underpin the economic programme. The country's hard currency prices, imports and the exchange external debt amounts to \$21 billion.

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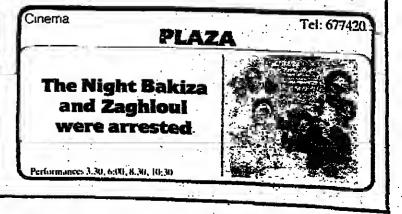


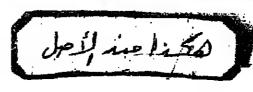
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Argentine star Valdano becomes soccer coach

MADRID (R) - Argentine international forward Jorge Valdano said Tuesday he was giving up playing soccer to become part of the coaching team at Spanish league champions Real Madrid. A quiet and thoughtful player who has dual Argentine-Spanish nationality, Valdano, 32, said he would probably coach one of the club's junior teams. Valdano twice won the World Cup with Argentina. He joined Real Madrid in 1984 and has won the League Championatic these countries the Spanish Cup twice League Championship three times and the Spanish Cup twice with them. He was kept out of the team last season because he was suffering from hepatitis. Valdano went to court last year to contest a Spanish football federation's ruling which classes him still as a foreigner even though he has taken Spanish nationality. The court has yet to announce its decision.

Scots clear decks for World Cup campaign

GLASGOW (R) - The Scottish Football League Monday threw their full weight behind Scotland's attempt to qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals. In an unprecedented move, the league agreed at their annual meeting to postpone fixtures on four Saturdays before vital World Cup qualifying ties next season. League secretary Jim Farry said: "Since the Premier Division has been reduced from 12 to 10 clubs, we had less fixtures to schedule and it was no problem to move those Saturday matches to midweek

Ireland seeks another win before finals

OSLO (R) — On-form Ireland expect another warm-up victory ahead of the European Championship soccer finals when they play Norway in a friendly international on Wednesday - hut they should not under-estimate the minnows. Norway, a mixture of amateur and professional players, have humiliated big names like France, Denmark and Argentina over the past two years and traditionally perform best at home and when the pressure is off. Ireland's manager Jack Charlton, preparing his side for their first appearance in the finals of a major international competition, will look particularly to newcomer David Kelly to extend their run of eight wins. Kelly produced a hat-trick to help his club Walsall win promotion to the English second division with a 4-0 victory over Bristol City Monday. Ireland, have been hit hy a spate of injuries but still beat Poland 3-1 win in a friendly in Duhlin 10 days ago.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

heart, declarer would surely have

made the slam. The sure-trick line is

to draw trumps and eliminate the red suits from both hands. Then de-

clarer takes a club finesse. East

wins, but he must either return a

club into declarer's major tenace or

With such a weak band opposite a

partner who had preempted, West's

club lead was a desperate stroke. It

was obvious to declarer that that

had to be a singleton, so he rose with the ace: Although it now appeared

that South was saddled with twn un-

avoidable chib losers, he unearthed

a line that allowed him to scramble

After drawing two rounds nf

trumps, declarer cashed the ace-king of hearts and ruffed a heart,

ing oow became a reality, because

East surely held one spade, sever

hearts and three clubs. Therefore,

he had only two diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace and king of that suit, discarding a club from dummy, then

continued with a third round. West

was given a gift of that trick as de-clarer shuffed another club from the

shiff to declarer. On the diamond

return the board's last club vanished as declarer ruffed in hand, and the

table's three trumps took the last

else yield a ruff-sluff,

Both vulnerable. East deals. NORTH ★ K9863 4 A.1085 QJ109765 +KQ7 SOUTH A Q J 10 5

South West North ing lead: Two of #

We don't like an opening lead of a singleton unless we have good reason to suspect that partner has the ace in the suit or a quick entry. Neither of these conditions applied here, but there is no denying that West's attack presented declarer

with a very difficult problem.

East's preempt served only to speed op the auction. We like Down to nothing but diamonds, "West was forced to concede a ruff-South's decision to make a takeout double—his hand could play in any one of three suits. North wasted no time in committing the hand to slam once he discovered in which suit he

wanted in play. Had West unimaginatively led a

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PEACE MISSION: Also Stillman, 26, is on a cycling trip around the world carrying a message of peace. The New York cyclist, currently in Jordan, has covered half of the 4-year trip, with 24,000 kilometres remaining. He believes in cycling because it is "respectful of nature since it uses no energy." Stillman hopes to share his "understanding of the world to educate the American population about the world."

Joyner-Kersee focuses on heptathlon as part of Seoul Olympics preparations

SAN JOSE, California (R) - Jackie Joyner-Kersee knows it's time to start putting the package together again.

So this week, in the hours before the top collegians in the United States meet in their national championships at Eugene, Oregon, Joyner-Kersee will concentrate on the least glamourous heptathlon disciplines as she begins preparations for the Seoul Olympics and a summer assault on her world record of 7,158 points.

"I'm going to work on my distance event," Joyner-Kersee said in a joking reference to the 800 metres, the heptathlon events in which she sees the greatest margin for improvement.

In last year's world championships, 10 of the 18 finishers posted faster times over 800 metres than Joyner-Kersee, the exhausted overall winner.

Her husband and coach, Bob Kersee, believes she can score 7,400 points this year, but Joyner-Kersee has a more realistic goal of 7,230. The week ahead will give some indication of where she stands as she practices her throws in the shot and javelin and works on her best event — the long jump.

There will be no workouts in the 100-metre hurdles. Joyner-Kersee already has proven what she can do in that event this year. Twice this month she either hroke or tied the American record as she and training partner Gail Devers hrought the United States a bit

more respectability in the race.

Before this season, the U.S. record was a paltry 12.79 seconds. light years from the world mark of 12.25 seconds by Bulgaria's Ginka

But last Saturday in the Grand Prix meet in San Jose, Joyner-Kersee skimmed over the harriers in 12.61 seconds to tie Devers' week-old U.S. record.

"She got out very well but she floated a little hit in the middle and she didn't run off the last hurdle, hut the early part was very good," coach Kersee said in a quick analysis. Joyner-Kersee called her efforts over the concluding three hurdles

But the showing was good enough that Joyner-Kersee said she now believes a time of 12.45 seconds is possible for her in the event. That would put her among the world's best. She already has claimed that honour in the long jump, equalling East German Heike Drechsler's world record of 7.45 metres at the

pan American games in Indianapolis last year. She will take a hreak from training on June 25 to long jump at San

Diego, and will likely throw the shot and javelin in a few all-comers

Johnson out until August with injury

TORONTO (R) — The injury to Beo Johnsoo's leg is more serious than originally believed and will keep the world's fastest man out of action until six weeks before the Olympics, a Canadian athletics spokeswoman said Monday.

Johnson, the 100-metre world-record holder, is not expected to return to competitioo until the Canadian Athletics Championships beginning August 5, Canadian Track and Field Association spokeswoman Brenda Bedard said.

"They originally thought it was a muscle problem," said Bedard, of the injury Johnson suffered in a race earlier this year in Tokyo. It turned out, however, that

Johnson injured a tendon in his left leg. Bedard said. "With any athlete other than

sprinter it wouldn't be that serious," she said. Johnson was to have com-

peted in six races in Europe next month, including a June 27 showdown in Paris against American Carl Lewis, which was to be the first of three pre-Olympie races between the world's two premier sprinters. Johnson sprinted into the history books at the World Athletics Championships in Rome last August when he beat Lewis over 100 metres in a remarkable world record time of 9.83 seconds.

Lowest-scoring game in NBA playoff history

Boston defeat Detroit to level Eastern Conference final series

PONTIAC, Michigan (AP) — Kevin McHale said before game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals that the Boston Celtics couldn't win with 94 points and 44 per cent shooting.

Oo MOnday, the Celtics shot out, Isiah Thomas fouled John-40 per cent and beat the Detroit son in the open court, and he Pistons 79-78 to even the series 2-2. It equalled the second lowest-scoring game in National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff history.

Fort Wayne's 74-71 win over Syracuse in 1956 is the only playoff game with fewer points and the only other game in which the winning team scored less than

"If they score 78, we have to make sure we score 79, and that's what we did," McHale said. 'It was a hizarre game. I never saw

so many missed shots."
"Dennis Johnson broke a 78-78 ne by hitting one of two free throws with eight seconds left. "I try not to panie in any situation," Johnson said. "I was upset with myself for missing the first because it felt good. On the

second, I seemed to put a little better touch on it and it went in." The winning free throw was set up when Adrian Dantley, attempting an alley-oop pass, threw the inbounds pass into the hasket with 50 seconds left, giving Boston possession.

Johnson then missed a shot that McHale rebounded with 26 seconds remaining. After a time-

son in the open court, and he made his second shot after missing the first.

Joe Dumars, the hero of game 3 with 29 points, was short on a 12-foot (3-1-2-foot) jumper just before the buzzer and Robert Parish rehounded the miss, giving the Celtics back the coveted homecourt advantage they lost in

The Pistons, who shot 33.3 per cent for the game, argued to no avail that Parish was guilty of goaltending, but refereee Ed Rush said no.

"If the call isn't there, it isn't there," Pistons coach Chuck Daly said. "Frov what f heard, there was a good chance it could have been goaltending, but we're never going to get that call. It's not in

Parish does that all the time," said Bill Laimbeer, who led the Pistons with 29 points. "The shot was short, but it was going to hit the front of the rim.

Games 5 and 6 are scheduled for Wednesday night at Boston Garden and Friday night at the Silverdome. The seventh game, if necessary, would be in Boston Sunday.

Boston, winners of 16 NBA playoff history,

the next point. The match endd

when she hit a backhand into the

thought the ruling was right.
"When I hit the ball, I said

'out' and she kept playing the

point," the Argentine player

Sahatini told reporters she

titles, is seeking its fifth straight trip to the championship series. The Pisions have never been to the final series in 31 years in Detroit, although the franchise made is twice wheo is was located in Fort Wayne, Indiaoa.

Larry Bird had 20, Johnson 18 and MeHale 15 for the Celtics. Detroit opened the second half with a 17-6 run. Thomas, with six points during the spurt, finished it with a steal and layup, giving the Pistons a 53-52 edge with 6:13 left

in the period. Detroit scored the last eight points of the third quarter, the first six of them on free throws, to lead 68-60 going into the final 12

Bird, who missed most of the third quarter because of foul trouble, scored the first seven points of the fourth period, narrowing the deficit to 68-67. But Dennis Rodman scored on a fastbreak layup, drew Bird's fifth foul and converted the free throw for a four-point Pistons lead.

Boston respooded with six consecutive points for a 73-71 edge before both teams went into another prolonged seoring drought. Neither team scored for three minutes until a dunk by John Salley tied the score 73-73 with 4:25 left.

Detroit missed its last 16 shots of the first quarter, but the Pistons trailed only 16-10 at the end of the period — the lowest firstquarter total by both teams in

Sabatini advances to French Open semifinals

PARIS (Agencies) — Fourth- Sahatini — and match point seeded Gahriela Sabatini adv- despite Kelesi's heated arguanced Tuesday to the French ments. Open semifinals against top-ranked Steffi Graf, hut she had to fight hack to heat Canadian Helen Kelesi 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 in a happened.' match that erupted in controversy as it ended.

With Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert both out after losing over the weekend, the winner of the Graf-Sabatini semifinal will be the overwhelming favourite to win the title.

At deuce in the final game of the Kelesi match, the Canadian hit a ball that appeared to be over the end line. Sabatini returned it anyway, and Kelesi bit a forehand volley winner.

'Heated arguments'

line jndge, who found a ball mark showing the previous shot out. "

The Canadian player returned The reversal gave advantage to in tears to the haseline to serve

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"I definitely feel that I was cheated," Kelesi said later. "There's no way that should have She said that under tennis

the point the result should have "No matter what, I should have won that point. That point

was mine," she said. Chair umpire Isabelle Cachelot refused Kelesi's appeal for a re-play of the point. Women's re-feree Georgina Clark, called to the court to decide the controversy, said she could not over-

turn then ruling. "The chair umpire is God in that situation," she said. "If she But Sahatini appealed to the tells me the ball is out I must

said. "If she (the umpire) called rules, because play continued on the hall out, you can't play the ball again. Kelesi fought off three match

points in the eighth game, with a hackhand drop shot, a forehand just inside the endline and another hackhand drop shot, then hung on to hreak Sahatini's serve for 5-3.

Before the rain interruption late Monday, Kelesi hit strong, accurate baseline shots to win the first set 6-4 — the first set that the tournament.

But Sabatini then played more

aggressively and dominated the second set, winning it 6-2.

Rain fell intermittently again Tuesday on Roland Garros stadium, delaying the start of the day's matches and halting play again just after the Kelesi-Sahatini match ended.

Leconte upsets Becker

A fanatical centre court crowd spurred France's last hope Henri Leconte to victory over Boris Becker in a five-set thriller which put him into the quarterfinals

With a 16,000 capacity crowd having for him to win, Leconte delivered the goods, beating the West German former Wimbledon champion 6-7, 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 in either Sahatini or Graf has lost in a rain-interrupted match which' lasted four minutes short of four

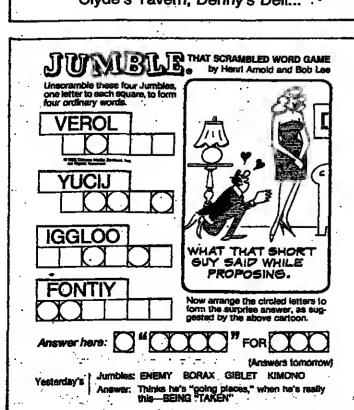
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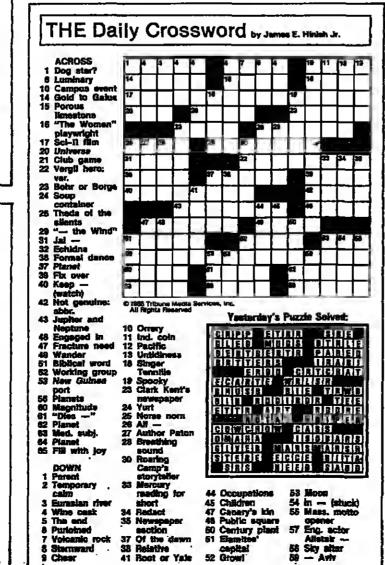
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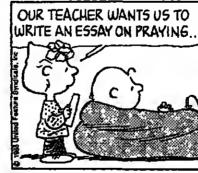


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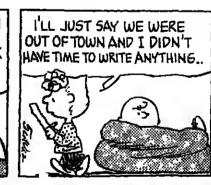


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Yugoslav union leader demands probe into 'high-level corruption'

BELGRADE (R) - Yugoslavia's trade union leader Tuesday demanded an inquiry into corruption allegations against former Communist Party President Milanko Renovica and other top party leaders, involving illegally constructed villas.

Zvonimir Hrahar, president of the official trade union confederation (CTUY), made the call on the third day of a party conference called to discuss the country's severe economic and politic-

"The workers want to know how much truth there is in press reports on apartments and weekend houses of the preceding party president and others," official sources quoted Hrahar as

Yugoslav newspapers have recently carried reports on the construction of luxury villas by top officials in the Bosnian Adriatic resort of Neum, naming Renovica's family and those of other high-ranking politicians.

The party conference npened

Snnday against a hackground of 152 per cent inflation, a \$21billion deht and worker unrest sparked hy a new austerity prog-ramme linked to a new deal with

Western creditors. Members of the collective leadership have been attacked at the conference for blocking reform policies aimed at rescuing the

country from its crisis. Hrahar was the first speaker at the conference to single ont indi-vidual leaders over allegations of corruption. "Wnrkers want to know how hillions of (dollars of) credit were used," said Hrahar.

He said there was nn need to call an extraordinary congress, as many delegates have demanded. "We have too many nf them. What we need is action.

seninr party leaders had been constructed with loans obtained irregularly at rates favourable to the borrower, some of them funds officially earmarked for underdeveloped areas, the newspapers said.

On Munday Slohodan Milosevic, party leader of Yugoslavia's biggest republic Serbia, said the party leadership should face dismissal at a future special party congress unless urgently needed reforms were implemented by the autumn.

Another conference delegate attacked Krunic and Renovica by name for failing to see that reform-oriented policies adopted by the last party congress, in June 1986, were carried out.

Renovica, from Bosnia, was party president from June 1986 to June 1987 under Yugoslavia's rotating system, whereby mem-bers of the collective party presidium serve a one-year presiden-tial term by a predetermined re-

German pilot violates Soviet airspace to mark anniversary

OSLO (AP) — A small West German plane crossed the Norwegian border into Soviet air space last weekend, apparently to mark the first anniversary of Mathias Rust's startling flight tn Moscow's Red Square, a foreign ministry spokesman said

Rust, 19, flew his Cessna aircraft to Muscow from Helsinki, Finland May 28, 1987, landing outside the Kremlin walls. He is serving a five-year prisoo term in a Moscow prison.

Spokesman Lasse Seim said the Cessna I50 was nn its way from

MOSCOW (R) - Mass demon-

strations flared Monday in Yere-

van, capital of the Soviet Repub-

he of Armenia, according to dissi-

Independent editor Sergei Gri-

goryants said friends in Yerevan

had told him by telephone that up

to 300,000 people had taken part

in the protests over the disputed

Azerbaijani region of Nagomo-

No independent confirmation

Grigoryants also said a general

strike had been under way in

Stepanakert, the regional capit-

al of Nagorno-Karabakh, for the

of the report was available.

Protests flare

in Armenia

Ivalo in northern Finland to Kirkenes in the northeast corner of Norway Saturday when the pilot

flew above Soviet territory. The plane crossed deeper into Soviet air space when it returned tn Ivalo Sunday, Seim said. He said the aircraft penetrated "several kilometres" into Soviet territury, and may bave vinlated

Government sources who spoke on condition of anonymity identified the pilot as Andreas further information on him was

an troops fighting through a com-plex of Tamil guerrilla camps in

the Sri Lankan jungle have sur-

rounded a major base where a

rebel leader may be trapped, government officials said in Col-

The Sri Lankan officials said

the Indians were holding off artil-

lery bombardment of the hase in

the north-east in an attempt to

capture top rebels including the

second-in-command of the Li-

beration Tigers of Tamil Eeelam

(LTTE), known only as Mahat-

About 6,000 to 9,000 Indians

have surrounded the remaining

umbo Tuesday.

Sri Lankan rebel base

COLOMBO (Agencies) - Indi- sea for the Tigers, military

sources said.

the island nation.

immediately available.

In Helsinki, Matti Antio, spokesman for the Finnish border patrol, said Sommer was questioned, released and left Finland Tuesday in the direction of

A Soviet emhassy spokesman was quoted on Swedish radio as calling the incident "a stupid Soviet airspace for 20 or 30 mipractical joke" rather than a provocation

Asked if Saturday's flight was timed to the anniversary of the Rust flight, Seim said, "We don't Sommer, also of Hamhurg. No know. But it seems likely, doesn't

Indian Defence Minister K.C

out a phased withdrawal of more

than 50,000 Indian troops from

Indian sources said Pant told

Sri Lankan officials that the with-

drawal should depend on

"ground situation," meaning the

state of Tamil guerrilla separatist

campaign in the Indian Ocean

"It is a complex issue, we are

going to discuss more on Tues-

day," one Indian source said on

Indian troops surround

March 1987 Pant Monday held talks with Sri showing as a bargaining chip for a Lankan government ministers ab- greater voice in the national

> tators said. The higgest losers were the Communists, who although they are Italy's second-largest party have been excluded from national

cent of the vote, 3.9 per cent less than in 1983 and a stinging 4.9 per cent less than last year. The Socialist gains and the

Communist losses were very high by Italian electoral standards.



Bettino Craxi

Socialists gain in **Italian** polls at Communist's expense

ROME (R) — Italy's Socialists made big gains and the Communists suffered stinging losses in local elections expected to have repercussions un the national political scene.

In two days of voting which ended Monday, six million Italians voted for administrations in 1.215 cities and towns.

Overall, the results are expected to help the stability of Christian Democrat (DC) Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita, who formed Italy's 48th post-war gov-emmeot April 13.

With results from 99 per cent of polling places counted, the DC won 36.8 per cent, I.2 per cent more than in 1983 local elections and nearly two per cent more than in national elections last

DC Deputy Secretary Vincenzo Scotti said the results should strengthen De Mita's five-party coalition, which also includes the Socialists, Liberals, Republicans

and Social Democrats. Coalition parties either gained or generally held ground.

The big winers were the Socialists with 18.3 per cent, up three per cent from 1983 and 4.1 per

cent from last year. Although smaller than the Communists, the Socialists hold a

pivntal positinn hecause no national government excluding the Communists would be possihle without their participation. Socialist Secretary Bettino Craxi has brought the party repeated electoral gains since be led Italy

unusual stability and international prestige as prime minister until Craxi, who called the results "optimal" for his party, was ex-pected eventually to use the good

through a four-year period of

administration and more important institutional posts, commen-

governments since 1948. The Communists had 21.9 per

that killed eight people earlier this month in Pathankot town of the same district and was the latest in a series of bombings

France calls for inquest into New Caledonia assault

for judicial inquests into the deaths of three Kanaks after a bloody assault by French troops and gendarmes on a jungle cave in the south Pacific territory of New Caledonia that freed 23 hos-

Justice minister Pierre Arpail-

lange said Monday the investigations, whose findings will be made public, were aimed at discovering whether the death of Alphonse Dianou, the chief kidnapper, could be attributed to 'assault and battery" and 'failing to assist a person in danger,"

The main separatist group in New Caledonia, the Kanak

peace accord between the Sandi-

nistas and contra rebels as part of

Ortega said Reagan sent Enri-

que Bermudez, the military com-mander of the U.S.-backed re-

bels, to sabotage the peace talks in Managua and prevent a deal to

"The United States did not

want a settlement of the regional

conflict in Nicaragua before the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting,"

Ortega said in a speech hroadcast

Ortega did not elaborate but Sandinista officials have said

Reagan wants the war to continue

in order to try to put pressure on

Gorbachev to reduce Soviet sup-

end the seven-year war.

on national radio.

his Moscow summit politics.

PARIS (R) - France has called Socialist National Liberation charges Front (FLNKS), has dubbed the

operation a "colonial massacre." Dianou died in mysterious circumstances after being evacuated from the battle scene on a stretcher.

According to Kanak (ethnic Melanesian) witnesses, he was shot in the knee after surrendering. A drip feed applied by a French military doctor was ripped out and he was left to bleed to death, according to these sources. Arpaillange said the deaths of

onel in the National Guard of

former dictator Anastasio Somo-

maintain a ceasefire until the new

talks. The Sandinistas have un-

ilaterally extended for 30 days a

On the other hand Costa Rican

President Oscar Arias said Tues-

day he was optimistic about progress being made in peace talks

between Nicaragua's Sandinista

door remained open in the peace

process," Arias told reporters as

he met with a group of local

vernment and contra rebels.

"If a definitive ceasefire was

two-month truce which was due

to expire on May 31.

The contras have promised to

za, has attended peace talks.

two other ethnic Melanesians, Wenceslas Lavelloi and Waina Amoussa, would be examined for pussible first-degree mnrder

Ortega: Reagan blocked

Nicaraguan peace effort

Earlier Monday France ack nowledged that its security forces were guilty of misconduct during the May 5 operation by the army and the gendarmeric at the re-

mote cave on Ouvea Island.

Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement said an enquiry by the army and the gendarmerie into the cave assault had concluded that "acts contrary to military duty were committed."

In the New Caledonia capital of Noumea, an FLNKS spokesman said the party welcomed the establishment of a judical in-

MANAGUA (R) — President Daniel Ortega charged Monday that President Reagan blocked a that President Reagan blocked Blocked Reagan blocked Blocked Reagan blocked Blocked Reagan blocked Blocke

Daniel Ortega

students in front of the presiden-

Arias, whn won the 1987 Nubel Peace Prize for his efforts in drafting and promoting a Ceotral American peace accord, noted the significance of the extended

not one youth will die on either side" during the truce, Arias said.



tial palace.

not reached this time, at least the . ceasefire.

"Not one rifle will be fired and

Blasts erupt in Punjab as Sikh religious row heats up

CHANDIGARGH, India (Agencies) - Sikh extremists bombed a crowded market in Punjab Tuesday, killing at least five people after a religious row erupted over the sacking of their faith's five high priests, Indian police said.

Police in the state capital of Chandigarh said five people were killed and 28 people injured when a time bomb concealed in a bag went off at 6.15 a.m. (0045 GMT) in Gurdaspur Town.
Police started searching the city

of 80,000 people for more bombs following the blast. They said there was conclusive proof that the bomh was planted by extremists fighting for an independent Sikh nation in northern India.

A note left at the spot said the blast was carried out by the extremist Khalistan Liberation Force, police said.

The bomh was similar to those

aimed at frightening Hindus into leaving the Sikh-dominated state. The extremists have killed more than I, I00 people in Punjab

this year, compared to about 1,230 in all of 1987. The blast took place a day after a powerful committee which administers Sikh temples in most of north India defied the extrem-

ists by dismissing the five high priests of the faith. The extremists had picked the priests earlier this year and had ordered the committee to ratify

the appointments. The dismissals brought a mixed reaction from the Sikh lead- AP.

The militant All India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) condemned the sackings and

questioned the committee's right to take that action without seeking the approval of the entire

community at a Sarbat Khalsa, or

But Amrinder Singh, a leader of the hardline United Akali Dal. welcomed the action. He said the high priests had lowered the pre-

congregation of the pure.

stige of the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, hy allowing arms into the complex housing it in Amritsar city. The committee has named Harcharan Singh Delhi to the

senior-most position among the five priests.

Meanwhile, a blast at a Hindu temple in Amritsar left at least three dead and 26 injured, city police chief Suresh Arora told

"We are still investigating the cause of the blast, but it was a hig one," Arora said. Among the dead were two women and one child. United News of India said Sikh radicals shot and killed seven

people across the Punjab

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia seizes Fiji bound arms

SYDNEY (R) - Australian customs said Tuesday they seized a large cache of arms hound for Fiji including machine guns, grenades, anti-tank mines, mortar shells and rocket launchers. "It's enough to start a small war," spokesman Alastair Wilson told a news conference. "It frightens me." The container in which the arms were concealed arrived here aboard the vessel Anno Australia from the North Yemen port of Hodeidah, he said. It was seized as it was about to be loaded aboard the French-registered Capitaine Cook II bound for the Fijian port of Lautoka. A spokesman for the Capitaine Cook II's owners, Sofrano-Unilines, said: We are obviously totally innocent. We take cargo at face value."

Warsaw Pact to meet in July

VIENNA (AP) - The next session of the Warsaw Pact's political consultative committee will be held in mid-July, according to official announcements in several Soviet Bloc capitals. The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said the meeting will take place in Warsaw. No specific date was given. The Communist Party chiefs and the heads of state and of the government of the seven pact member countries usually attend such meetings. Tanjug, which quoted an official announcement made in Prague, said it was not clear whether the July gathering was a regular session. The communique also failed to list any of the items on the agenda.

Racist attacks in France

BREST, France (R) - Eight skinheads, including two Britons, were jailed by a Brest Court Monday and 15 others were charged with armed assault in Rouen after a series of weekend racist attacks. Judicial sources said the two Britons were sentenced to one month in prison and banned from France for five years. Six French skinheads were jailed for three months. Extreme-right hooligans with shaved heads, carrying baseball bats and wearing Nazi emblems, rampaged through Rouen and Brest in northern France Friday and Saturday after the cancellation of a rock concert in

'German nuclear plants unsafe'

HAMBURG (AP) - A city official Monday demanded that authorities respond to an environmental institute's contention that four nearby nuclear power plants have serious defects in their safety systems. "The results of this study are highly alarming for Hamburg," said City Energy Minister Joerg Kuhbier. "If there were a meltdown tomorrow, we would have a catastrophe," he said. The ECO Institute, a Darmstadt-based environmental re-search centre, recently said four nuclear power plants in lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein states have serious flaws in the design of their safety systems, endangering the citizens of nearby Hamburg. Kuhbier demanded that federal, lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein authorities examine whether the report bas any

COLUMN

Symbols mania hits

NEW YORK (AP) - The Na-

tion's legislators are having their

usual debates over budgets and taxes, but they've also found time this year for discussions of Bana-na slugs, dinosaurs and pie. It's all part of the perennial mania for naming official state symbols for just about everything, from state song to state insect. Supporters say the custom can boost tourism, get ynung people involved in the political process and provide harmless comic relief for lawmakers. Opponents say it wastes time and money and makes legislators look foolish. Last week, the California Senate nearly squashed a proposal to name the Banana Slug the state's official mollusk. Senator Becky Morgan had to settle for a chance to have the proposal reconsidered in the future. "These things are repulsive, I mean look at them.... the joke bas to stop here," said Senatur John Doolittie, as Banana slugs oozed around inside a glass terrarium on a cart parked on the floor of the senate

Shoe-shine boys get school polish

ISTANBUL (R) — Shoe-shine boys, whose colourful hrass boxes and cheeky boasts of a "five-year guarantee" enliven Turkey's pavements, have now won official recognition. Seventy boys gained diplomas from Turkey's first shoe-shine school founded by Sivas Province Governor Lutfu Fikret Tuncel, Gunaydin Newspaper reported Tuesday. "Shoeshining is a profession and every profession should have a school, Gunaydin quoted Tuncel as saying as students celebrated the end of their one-week course. Turkey's State Poverty Fund also gave the boys in central Sivas province new clothes and a new shoe-shine box, Gunaydin said...

Swedish murder trial holds public spell-bound

STOCKHOLM (R) - A Swedisb court Monday heard evidence by a small child against her father at the opening of a retrial of two doctors charged with the killing and ritual dismemberment of a prostitute. A bespectacled generpractitioner, tanned and dressed in tennis shirt and golf trousers, appeared unconcerned as a prosecutor quoted testimony given hy his daughter, who was 18 months old at the time of the 1984 murder. "Daddy cut off the hreast... they took the head off and threw it away ... then the lady was chapped up," prosecutor Anders Helin quoted the girl as saying. The case, in which the girl says she was brought along to watch her father and a colleague dismember the body of a woman, has held the Swedish public spellbound. Sweden's largest newspaper Expressen devoted four pages to the first retrial day.

Vanished art dealer lowers prices

PARIS (R) — A collection of 26 paintings belonging to vanished millionaire art connoisseur Roberto Polo went under the hammer in Paris Munday but fetched a disappointing 93 million francs (\$16.1 million). The 37year-old Cuban-born American husinessman, wanted for questinning hy police, disappeared after a Swiss court issued a war-rant for his arrest last Wednesday on charges of fraud and ahuse of confidence. Auctioneer Jacques Tajan had hoped the sale of the 18th century French canvases, including works by Fragonard and Watteau, would realise 100 million francs (\$17.5 million). Polo, who made a fortune investing in art for rich clients, has outstanding dehts in Switzerland and the United States of at least 620 million francs (\$109 million), French police say.

America hit the bottle as superpower relations improve

MOSCOW (R) — Americans are drinking more vodka — and it is good news for Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. Sales of Stolichnaya Vodka are up because Soviet-U.S. relations have improved, according to Angela Seracini of the Pepsico Company which sells Pepsi Cola to the Soviet Union in return for Vodka. She says sales reflect superpower tensions. They plummeted after the Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan in 1979 but have been given a shot by the Soviet-U.S. summits, she says. But it is a mixed blessing for Gorbachev -He has launched a tough antidrink drive at home.

camps, cutting off any escape by condition of anonymity. Le Pen fuels anti-immigrant sentiment in Europe

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PARIS — The strong showing in French presidential elections of National Front Party leader Jean-Marie Le Pen has lent encouragement to others in Western Europe whn share his nationaliste, anti-immigrant

After Le Pen won more than

14 per cent of the vote in presidential halloting April 24, extreme right-wing parties in Belgium, Italy, Greece and elsewhere expressed bope that his success would he conta-Chrysanthus Dimitriades, a member of the European par-

liament and of Greece's extreme right National Pulitical Union, told the AP that Le Pen's gains "unproved our spirit, there has been a positive change." The Belgium National Front. a sister to the French party,

got hundreds of phone calls from people who wanted to jnin" after the April 24 vote, said party spokesman Daniel "Basically we heard from people who share our ideas but

thought we were a marginal

parry. Le Pen changed that," he said. Le Pen's campaign slogan "French First" conveyed the message that an influx of immigrants, mainly Arabs from North Africa, undermines the French way of life and adds to economic and social problems. His speeches tapped a vague, mostly unarticulated feeling that France is on the decline, its traditions in jeopardy and its "national identity" threatened. He kept the immigration

issue at the centre of his campaign, suggesting legal measures to encourage immigrants in France to move elsewhere and limiting the number of immigrant children in schools. He appealed to nationalistic sentiments and authoritarian values. favouring restoration of the death penalty and quarantining

AIDS victims. Europe's extreme right parties, although diverse and lacking unity, share a common desire to convert concern about immigration into votes. Most countries face economic and social problems similar to those in France. Many of the parties in these countries are enjoying new success.

Gianfranco Fini, secretary of the vaguely neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (ISM), shares Le Pen's stance on immigration, saying immigrants pose a grave threat to all European

Unemployment in Italy is 12.4 per cent while immigrants from Africa and Asia arrive at the rate of 50,000 a year. Although 90,000 foreigners were legally registered in October 1987, unofficial estimates put the number of illegal im-

migrants at 800,000. Fini's party won 5.9 per cent of the vote in parliamentary electionse last June. It bolds 35 seats in the chamber of deputies, making it Italy's fourth largest party. Although the party still is largely irrelevant the non-communist parties can form a government without them - there are signs of growth in the kind of xenopho-bia that feeds Fini followers.

Italy's largest daily newspaper, La Republica, published: a survey in early May of high school students that showed an "open hostility" towards im-

Seventy per cent of those responding said they would favour a partial or total closing of borders to foreigners who "roh us of work."



Jean-Marie Le Pen

In France, an intellectual "new right" is providing a theoretical framework for neofacism. So-called revisionist historians are publishing works that re-examine the country under Nazi occupation and question whether the extermination of six million people during World War II actually occurred.

Le Pen referred to the gassing of Jews in Nazi death camps as "a detail of history." Similarly in Italy, a spate of books and articles is reassessing the country's fascist past. A leading historian of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini has suggested that "laws forbidding the

re-establishment of the fascist party are anachronistic." Le Pen visited Rome May 8, taking his message to a cheering crowd at an ISM party meeting. He plans similar trips around Europe in the coming months, said his spokesman Alain Vizier, who declined to provide

Whether or not he visits nther parts of Europe, Le Pen's presence is felt. Mogens Glistrip, leader of

the Denmark's anti-immigratinn progress party is frequently referred to in the press as the local Le Pen. In Danish parliamentary elections earlier this month, Glistrip's party took 16 seats,

up from nine. It was the second hig gain in a row for the party, which increased its holdings from six another election last Norway's Carl I. Hagen also is compared to Le Pen. He leads the Norwegian branch of the Progress Party that won 12.2 per cent of the popular vote in local elections last fall.

Recent opinion polls give the party 15-23 per cent, making it Nurway's second largest party after the ruling Labour Party. Hagen advocates limiting immigration based on the availability of housing and jobs.

Political analyst Ole Borre of Aarhus University said the swing to the right in Denmark. and Norway is part "of an international trend." But not every country suffer-

ing high unemployment and

waves of immigrants turns to the right. West Germany, which is haunted by memories of the. Nazi era, now has some 4.4 million foreigners, about 7 per cent of the population. Some of these are European, but the biggest contingent is Turkish.

Foreign workers have frequently been the targets of attacks by self-proclaimed neo-Nazis and other young rightwing extremists over the past few years. Membership in right-wing ex-

increasing hy about 3,100 peo-ple in 1987 to 25,200, according to Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann. However, right-wing extremists have a negligible influence in West German national poli-

tremist groups is on the rise,

tics. Spain, emerging from decades under the authoritarian rule of Francisco Franco, hasn't experienced a massive influx of immigrants comparable to neighbouring France. Unemployment hovers around 20 per cent, making Spain unattractaive for joh-seeking fore-

In Britain, the extreme right had faded since its heydey in the late 1970s. Splits and scandals within the British National Front have divided the party which had no candidates in last year's general election.

Belgian National Front spokesman Feret said the issues facing his party are similar to those of Le Pen's party. "We have the same kind of political programme: The immigrants, crime and security and the heavy tax hurden.'

The Greek National Political Union "agrees with Le Pen on larger European issues,' although immigration is not much of a problem in Greece, according to Dimitriades.

There is a swing toward conservatism in Europe," Dimitriades contended, it's too early to say if it is swinging into our sphere."

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